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# KISSINGER WANTS COMPROMISE ON MOVE TO RESTRICT TRADE WITH SOVIET

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (JTA) –
Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger warned of the collapse of detente and the increased possibility of nuclear holocaust if Congress does not eliminate barriers to U.S.-Soviet trade proposed because of Russia's restrictive policies toward Jewish emigration. But he indicated he would welcome a compromise that would retain the intent of the Jackson and Mills-Vanik legislation while providing the Soviet Union with trade benefits. He also said he was "meeting regularly" with Jewish leaders and "there is a possibility of getting a compromise from the Jewish groups, but they must speak for themselves."

Kissinger made those points in his prepared statement and in reply to questions before the Senate finance committee which is considering the Trade Reform Bill. The measure as it now stands embodies the House approved Mills-Vanik legislation which is identical to the Jackson Amendment. Kissinger said he did not oppose the objectives of those in Congress who view trade policy as a tool to change Soviet internal practices. But "they have chosen the wrong vehicle and context," he said.

He declared that he spoke with "some anguish" as both a historian and a Jew who is "particularly conscious of the plight of minority groups." But, he continued, the U.S. seeks detente with the Soviet Union for one overwhelming reason -- "both countries have the capability to destroy each other and most of the rest of the world in the process."

Kissinger conceded the purpose of the Jackson-Mills-Vanik legislation is not to prevent Soviet-American trade or prohibit all U.S. credit to the USSR "but to assist those whose wish to emigrate from the Soviet Union has been frustrated." Nevertheless, he added, if the Jackson Amendment is adopted it will "almost certainly prove counterproductive," he warned. "It will not enhance emigration. It may stop it altogether."

Kissinger acknowledged some dissatisfaction with the present Soviet emigration policies which he said "is not as bright as we would like." He charged that Soviet emigration policy "often seems arbitrary" and noted that some 1,300 individuals are currently being denied permission to leave for Israel. On the other hand, Kissinger said, emigration from the USSR has increased from a "sporadic trickle in the 1960s to a relatively steady flow of some 2,500 a month in the 1970s." In another reference to the Soviet Union, Kissinger appeared to soft-pedal Moscow's role in the Yom Kippur War. When Sen. William V. Roth (R. Del.) raised suspicions about the Soviet government's intentions in that region, Kissinger replied that while Moscow was allied with the countries that attacked Israel, "the Soviet Union did not have substantial advance warning" of the Egyptian-Syrian attacks on Yom Kippur day. "Egypt and Syria essentially were acting on their own," he said.

Kissinger referred to his contacts with Jewish leaders when he was asked by Sen. Robert Dole (R. Kan.) if there had been any changes in attitude to meet the Administration's position. Kissinger replied: "I am meeting regularly with the leaders of the Jewish community to explain the U.S. policy in the Middle East and the degree of co-operation between the U.S. and the Soviet Union to bring about a moderate evolution. I have the impression that they have listened with sympathy to these arguments. There is a possibility of getting a compromise from the Jewish groups. But they must speak for themselves."

Jerry Goodman, executive-director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said in New York that "no meeting has been held with the Secretary of State on the subject of Soviet Jewry and no discussions have taken place with regard to the Jackson Amendment in over four months."

A NCSJ spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that there have been discussions by Kissinger with prominent individual Jews as well as with Jewish organizations on a variety of issues including peace in the Middle East and that while the subject of the Jackson Amendment did come up it was not in the context of reformulation or compromise.

Herman Edelsberg, director of the B'nai B'rith International Council, said in Washington that the American Jewish community has not been told by Kissinger that the Soviet Union is prepared to bring about "specific and constructive improvements" in its emigration policy and, therefore, the community cannot be expected to compromise on the issue. He added, "it is utterly unrealistic to expect any suggestion of compromise from the Jewish community before the Soviet Union ends its harassment of Jews who wish to leave and comes forward with some specific and constructive improvement."

## *Arrest pair on counts of fraud*

TORONTO –
The publishers of the Jewish Reference Book, Donald Stewart Appel, 40, and his wife, Eleanor Janet Appel, 57, were arrested in Toronto this week on two charges of defrauding the public of $280,000 in connection with advertisements solicited by telephone.

The Appels, whose residence was given as Shandon Drive, Scarborough, appeared before a justice of the peace and were granted bail on charges of conspiring to defraud the public and defrauding the public. The arrests were made by sergeants Peter Guest, Brian Takoff and Carl Cull of the fraud and forgery squad.

Complaints by the Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish National Fund and other organizations led police to a lengthy investigation which culminated in the arrests.

According to police, the Appels put on an intensive telephone campaign to solicit advertisements costing from $60 to $450 on the understanding that the Jewish Reference Book would be sent to every Jewish family and that most of the funds collected from the advertising revenue would go to various Jewish charities. The police allege that only 650 copies of the five editions published between 1972 and 1974 were sent to advertisers and about 600 went to people picked at random. The authorities say no money went to any Jewish organization, as promised.

## *Synagogue discusses N.Y. letter*

TORONTO –
The Beth Tzedec Board of Governors has asked the Joint Placement Commission in New York for clarification of last week's letter which threatened disciplinary action unless Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg and the synagogue agreed to a new compromise proposal to settle their differences.

Lawyer John Robinette, counsel for the synagogue, was instructed to communicate with the New York authorities to clear up certain points in the Feb. 27 letter which calls upon both parties to agree to arbitration. The board postponed action on the letter pending word from Robinette concerning the points reported to be unclear.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that he received a call from Rabbi Rosenberg in Tel Aviv, asking him to instruct his lawyer, Walter Williston, to implement the resolution of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Meanwhile, the synagogue is preparing its case for the examination for discovery scheduled for early next month. Whether this will be followed by the setting of a date for trial of the Rosenberg suit against the synagogue and individual members of the congregation, depends on what happens to current efforts to reach an out of court settlement. Conferences have been held with both lawyers towards avoiding a lawsuit and the newspaper publicity that would ensue.


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*SAGA OF AN INSTITUTION*

**Smiling Morris and Mary Perlmutar are subjects of a half-hour documentary tracing the couple's life and history of their popular bakery in Toronto's Kensington Market. The Perlmutar Story will be shown between 7 and 7:30 p.m., March 26, on CBLT, Channel 5, Cable 6. (Photo by Paul Smith)**

# War unpreparedness is attacked

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO –
An Israeli professor currently on sabbatical leave at a Canadian university claimed last week that Israel should have anticipated the massive Arab offensive during the Yom Kippur War.

He is Dr. Raphael Trifon, professor of economics and management at Haifa's Technion and presently Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Manitoba.

He told an audience listening to the second annual Norman Grant Memorial Lecture at Holy Blossom Temple that it "was a failure on Israel's part" not to have taken cognizance of improved Arab technology which permitted "unsophisticated soldiers to handle highly sophisticated weapons."

Lambasting the state of unpreparedness on the eve of the Yom Kippur War, Prof. Trifon criticized the Israel defence forces for "basking in the glory of past military doctrines."

He added that the army would have to undergo a drastic re-organization in order to upgrade its intelligence services, alter its outmoded tactics and strategy and absorb extremely sophisticated weapons into its arsenal.

Prof. Trifon, a husky Israeli born man with a shock of greying hair, asserted that a primary Israeli long-term objective -- the maintainability of its "invincible" deterrent military image -- was one of the casualties of the recent war.

"Until October 6, 1973, this was a sound policy," he allowed, "a function of Israel's main goals -- the bringing about of immigration and the settlement and absorption of large numbers of immigrants."

Prof. Trifon said that Israel now faces "frightening choices on the external front, and her political parties are at a loss of what to do."

Asked for his assessment of Israel's domestic political scene, Prof. Trifon was uncompromising in his belief that the Israeli leadership is fossilized and "out of touch with public values and sympathies." He said that Israel's younger generation should be given a chance to govern the country.

Discussing the impact of the war on Israel, Prof. Trifon said that the Soviet Union will continue to press for a total Israeli withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories and the creation of a Palestinian state. He scoffed at ideas which claim that the Soviet Union wants to destroy the Jewish state.

Prof. Trifon said that, in reply to Soviet -- and American -- political pressures, Israel ought to "formulate a policy of not evacuating territory without an irreversible settlement."

That would include the establishment of trade links and student exchanges between Israel and her Arab neighbors and the removal of barriers preventing a constant flow of "human traffic" between Israel and the Arab states.

Short of a Russian attack against Israel, an unlikely eventuality at best, Prof. Trifon said that Israel will not succumb to pressures to withdraw to the 1948 boundaries.

Neither American economic sanctions, including an embargo on raw materials, nor an Arab naval blockade, will induce Israel to give up territory she deems essential to her security.

In delineating Israel's overall objectives, in order of priority, Prof. Trifon mentioned massive immigration, political independence and sovereignty, security, economic independence, social integration of the poor, equalization of economic opportunities, and the maintenance of a rising standard of living.

## *Record number of officers killed*

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –
Nearly a quarter of Israel's soldiers and airmen killed in the October War and in hostilities in the succeeding weeks were officers. It is the highest percentage of officers to die in battle in any of Israel's wars.

This is revealed in a memorial volume the Israeli government published March 9, containing the names of 2,521 members of the defence forces who died during the October War and its aftermath.

The names of another 32 men known to have been killed as well as those still officially listed as missing on the northern Syrian front have been omitted at the request of relatives.

The 609 officers killed included Major-General Avraham Mendler, 44, the commander of the armored forces in Sinai who died in the opening stages of the war; two colonels; and 25 lieutenant-colonels.

During the 1967 Six Day War of the 777 soldiers and airmen who were killed 157, or some 20% were officers. This, too, is considered disproportionately higher than is usual in other armies.

# Labor's election is seen as being big improvement in policy towards Israel

By CHARLES HYAMS
CJN British Correspondent

LONDON –
As far as Israel is concerned, it is probably better that the Socialists are in power in England rather than the Conservatives, whose Middle East policy in its four years of Government moved closer and closer to the Arab viewpoint at the expense of Israel. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, who was foreign secretary, will not be remembered kindly by the Israelis, especially for his now famous speech made at the Yorkshire City of Harrogate in which he gave his own interpretation of Resolution 242. "Harrogate" has some of the same connotations, especially for the Jewish community, that "Munich" has.

But will Labor be allowed to pursue a pro-Israel policy when everyone knows and acknowledged that it is the civil servants at the Foreign Office who largely shape Britain's policy -- and they are traditionally pro-Arab? James Callaghan, who has been appointed Foreign Secretary, has recently returned from a tour of Egypt and Israel and is well in touch with the situation. Judging by comments he made during the trip and on his return, he is very impressed with President Sadat and is convinced the Egyptian leader wants peace with Israel. However, Callaghan was at pains to point out that if Britain were to pursue a policy of improving relations with the Arab world, it would not be at Israel's expense. As for Wilson himself, he is well known as a friend of Israel and of her prime minister and the two had long and friendly meetings when Mrs. Meir came to London in December.

Wilson also has personal links with the country through his son Giles, who spent a long time living on a kibbutz and who speaks Hebrew fluently. Wilson and his wife spent a Christmas on the kibbutz with their son.

In addition to Wilson and Callaghan, the cabinet contains a number of other friends, including Edward Short and Anthony Wedgwood Benn. There is also one Jew in the cabinet -- Harold Lever, who has been given the important post of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He will be working from No. 10 Downing Street and will be an overall watchdog on Britain's economic policy. There also was one Jew in the Conservative cabinet -- Sir Keith Joseph, who was Secretary of State for Social Services and who some see as a future leader of the Conservative Party and possibly a prime minister.

Then, of course, there are many good friends of Israel among the 300 Labor MPs, many of who belong to an organization called the Labor Friends of Israel.

The composition of the new House of Commons also contains a record number of Jewish MPs. There are 45, though the affiliations of some of them with the religion of their birth is tenuous, to say the least. But with all these "friends", there are still a number of highly vocal "enemies". There is certainly no room for complacency.

## World in Brief

### *Separation on the Golan*

JERUSALEM –
Separation of Israeli and Syrian forces on the Golan Heights has been given top priority by Premier Golda Meir's new coalition government which was given a Knesset vote of confidence, 62 to 46. Public confidence in the new coalition is said to be at a low ebb.

### *Norwegians aid wounded*

COPENHAGEN –
A non-Jewish fund-raising committee in Norway has raised $300,000 for Israeli wounded in the Yom Kippur War.

### *Street is renamed*

ENCINO, CALIF. –
Odessa St., at the crossing of Moorpark, was recently renamed Mendele Mocher Sfarim. Congressman Barry Goldwater attended the event. Sfarim, a prominent Russian Jewish writer, is buried in the Odessa Jewish cemetery.

### *Forest to honor queen*

AMSTERDAM –
The Jewish National Fund in Holland has opened an international appeal for subscriptions to plant a forest in Israel in honor of Queen Juliana. A book containing the names of subscribers is to be presented to the monarch on April 30, her 65th birthday.

**Working under the slogan, "Help the wounded soldiers of the Yom Kippur War," Bialik Hebrew Day School students and staff raised over $1,500 at a bazaar and Purim carnival organized by the school's grade 4B. The money will go towards a much-needed electrocardiogram machine for the Sheba Medical Centre of Israel's Tel Hashomer Hospital. (El-Baz photo)**

# World News

An Israeli soldier shields a sad Prime Minister Golda Meir during a recent memorial for its unknown soldiers. (A.P. Cablephoto)

## Scientists beat problem of liquid transfusions in sub-freezing weather

REHOVOT—

—A light-weight apparatus for giving liquid infusions in freezing outdoor temperatures has been developed by the medical engineering group of the Weizmann Institute's electronics department in co-operation with the Army Medical Corps. The department is similarly involved in several other projects related to military medicine.

A physician in the Israel Defence Forces Medical Corps, who is also working on a Ph.D. in the Institute's electronics department, presented the medical engineering group with a pressing problem -- at the sub-freezing temperatures experienced by Israeli troops in the north, life-saving infusions were freezing and couldn't be administered. "Our goal was a simple device, easily carried and operated by one medical corpsman," explained a staff member. "The apparatus we developed remains operative even in freezing conditions," he added.

A prototype for field testing was built with the aid of the Institute's physics and general mechanics workshops, which, in an unprecedented step, are continuing to assemble the device "because there has not yet been time to arrange for its production by a regular firm." Future plans, however, include manufacturing the device on a commercial basis, since it should be useful not only to the armed forces but also in other cold weather emergencies, such as ski accidents and avalanches.

The Institute's electronics department has already developed several valuable products, among them a new-style pacemaker soon to be manufactured commercially in the United States.

## *Kahane goes to trial on conspiracy charges*

JERUSALEM (JTA) –

Rabbi Meir Kahane went on trial here charged with conspiracy to kidnap and murder foreign politicians during last June's visit to the United States by Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev. He was also accused of involvement in planning to blow up foreign embassies overseas and sending letters abroad and cables from here during last May and June aimed at carrying out actions considered as crimes in the U.S. and Israel.

Although the charge sheet did not specify the Brezhnev visit, it did charge him with attempted conspiracy to harm relations with a friendly nation, the U.S.

Premier Golda Meir, in an affidavit presented to the court, stated that disclosure of government actions on the immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union was liable to harm Israel's foreign relations and thus constituted a breach of the official Secrets Act. Mrs. Meir's statement, written in her role as acting foreign minister in the absence of Abba Eban who is abroad, was presented to the court by State Prosecutor Gabriel Bach.

Judge Jacob Bazak ruled against a defence motion requesting Eban to be summonsed as a witness to support the contention that Rabbi Kahane's actions were not liable to harm Israel's foreign relations. The JDL leader admitted writing letters and dispatching them abroad. He pleaded not guilty to the other charges.

The trial was adjourned and will continue in camera because some of the details relating to Soviet Jewry are confidential and cannot be made public. If Rabbi Kahane is found guilty, he faces seven years' imprisonment.

*Help weld communities*

## Jewish peace corps urged

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV –

One way of welding the Diaspora communities together and simultaneously helping Israel, would be the formation of a "Jewish Peace Corps" for Israel, suggests a professor at the religious Bar Ilan University here.

Prof. Ernest Kraus, acting dean of the faculty of social sciences at Bar Ilan, told The CJN that his idea -- as yet untested or even discussed with the powers that be -- would involve the organization of Jewish youth in the Golan between the ages of 18 and 35 into a "peace corps" style movement, so that every time there is a crisis situation in Israel, ready made volunteers would be waiting to be moved over here instead of the "spontaneous system" with its inherent confusion and waste of manpower.

"My suggestion," Prof. Kraus said, "is that the young people would be put on active and later reserve duty in this 'Sveret shalom' -- peace patrol -- training initially in the Diaspora and then, at a later stage, in Israel. Something a bit more expansive and binding than the present 'Shnat Sherut' year of service currently in operation."

He explained that by "training", he envisaged "some kind of civil logistics" which the members could carry out in times of crisis or even in fairly peaceful periods, such as economic depression or when diplomatic pressure is being exerted against Israel.

"Upon being selected they would be required to join certain courses," Prof. Kraus said. "First aid, engineering transport and teaching come immediately to mind, but other fields could also be included."

When their training period finishes, they would be on reserve duty, ready to come to Israel when needed -- either in peace or war -- to carry out the tasks they were trained in.

If any members decided, after close contact with Israel for a number of years, to come on their own personal aliyah, then some sort of system could be worked out whereby their "Peace Corps" service would help them beyond the knowledge and experience they had gained.

"Possibly some time could be lopped off their army service, or maybe they could be drafted into a branch of the military similar to their specialities," he said.

Eventually, if the idea were worked on and improved, they could even be taken on in the civil defence or civil service, the professor said.

## *N.Y. brothers make gift of $250,000 for academics*

NEW YORK –

A $250,000 gift by the Mailman Foundation to establish a Mailman Fellowship Fund for graduate and postdoctoral students at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa has been announced by American Technion Society President Henry Taub.

The income from the gift by Joseph and Abraham Mailman of New York and Hollywood, Florida, will be matched by the state of Israel to make possible the award of 14 fellowships each year. Recipients will be known as Mailman Fellows.

Through the foundation, the brothers have made an additional $20,000 grant to provide for eight Mailman Fellowships during the 1973-74 academic year. Classes at Technion, disrupted by the Yom Kippur War when students and faculty members fought on Israel's frontlines, are expected to resume shortly. The first fellowship recipients, four men and four women, were selected on the basis of economic need, academic standing and the value of their research and study programs.

Major-General (res.) Amos Horev, president of the Technion, hailed the establishment of the Mailman Fund as "a magnificent gift." President Horev praised the brothers for their rare devotion to the cause of education and learning. "Their humanitarianism," he said, "will greatly assist worthy students at Technion to prepare for careers of service to Israel and mankind."

The two gifts, totaling $270,000, highlight a long tradition of philanthropy by the Mailman brothers, sons of poor immigrants who went into a number of businesses in their early years in the U.S., Canada and South America. The partnership was enormously successful, and recently the brothers have devoted their commercial efforts to the investment firm of Mailman Brothers in New York.

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Sondi Goldblatt, who with her husband Malcolm recently gave up a conventional holiday, is shown picking oranges in Israel. Crops are rotting on the ground for lack of pickers.

# Volunteer need urgent, couple says

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

It is with sadness and disappointment that Sondi and Malcolm Goldblatt report that their appeal for volunteers to join them on a two-week working holiday on a kibbutz went unanswered.

The Goldblatts are the Hamilton couple who gave up a winter holiday last month in order to help Israel.

They have just returned and report that what Israel needs most, apart from money, is volunteer workers.

Oranges are rotting on the ground for lack of workers to pick them and soon other crops will be ready. Construction is at a standstill and work in many factories on kibbutzim has come to a halt. Hardest hit are the co-op farms, they say, mainly because few of those volunteers who have gone to help know enough Hebrew to be of much use.

"Skills are badly wanted," Goldblatt says, but even if one cannot do anything specific, there is always work in the pardes, in the chicken houses and other areas of the kibbutz.

"We have no skills and so we were put to work in the pardes." Both thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Goldblatt says he felt very productive.

They toured Israel with the Ontario mission of the United Israel Appeal for several days before joining their 21-year-old niece Karen at Ein Shemer, where she is on an Ulpan.

Karen's parents, Barbara and Abby Goldblatt, also of Hamilton, left for Israel on March 13 and they, too, hope to be able to do some useful work while there.

While the Malcolm Goldblatts left their son and three daughters at home, the Abby Goldblatts will be taking their two younger daughters with them and hope to leave them on the kibbutz with Karen. They themselves will be staying at a Tel Aviv hotel but intend to apply for afternoon shiftwork on the kibbutz and to commute every day.

"I suppose it's a lot to ask people to pay $500 for the fare and to give up their holidays and then go to work," says Malcom, but it's obvious he feels that if he and his wife can do it, then others can, too.

*Bill of Rights written*

# Delegates assured of their vitalness

By ANNE F. KORN

TORONTO –

Volunteers perform a vital service and should not be downgraded because they are not professionals, according to opinions expressed at Conference '74 of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section.

One of the 75 volunteer workers at the conference said the "you're just a volunteer" attitude she sensed in the professionals "makes me livid." She added: "Because someone gives of her time, has a brain in her head, exhibits warmth and common sense, she must be recognized as a person of worth."

Georgina Grossman, coordinator of the Conference on Volunteerism, said the main concern is to fit volunteers to the right job. "The needs of the volunteer are just as important as the needs of the agency."

A chairman serving as liaison between the volunteer agency and the Toronto service department makes a monthly telephone call to each volunteer who offers at least one morning or afternoon a week. An evaluation meeting of the service ensues with its volunteers.

To heighten the self-image of volunteers, a Bill of Rights has been written for them. It includes: The right to be treated as a co-worker, the right to know as much as possible about an agency, the right to promotion and a variety of experiences and the right to training on the job.

The meeting was told that to achieve the desired goals, the agencies should work with the council's bureau to train volunteers, continue contact for in-service training and provide evaluation and feedback. One breakthrough in this direction is the proposed Seneca College certificate course in community volunteer studies. Still in the planning stages, it would consist of six courses over two years.

"This society cannot operate without people of goodwill," said Alex Owen, consultant to the planning committee, in his summation.

# *Proposal of merger still being considered*

VANCOUVER –

The proposal to merge the Pacific Region of Congress with the Vancouver Jewish Community Fund and Council is still being considered by both organizations, reports Isidor M. Wolfe, Pacific Region Chairman. Funds to reorganize the Soviet Jewry Committee have just become available. The committee will be increasing its activity, said Wolfe. A search is still underway for an academic to correlate the establishment of the Judaic Studies Program at the University of British Columbia.

Congress's traditional role in assisting its sister organization, the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, has been expanded in conjunction with the Jewish Family Service Agency. The current case loads are mostly from South America and Russia. Congress also aids the JIAS in attempting to locate missing persons.


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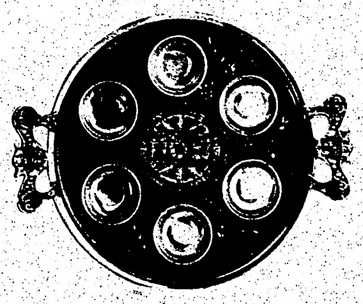

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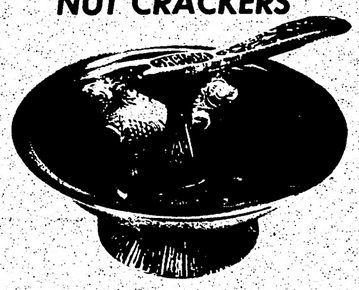

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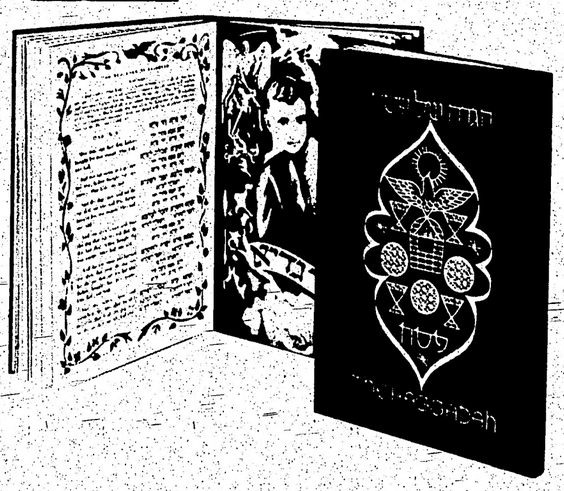

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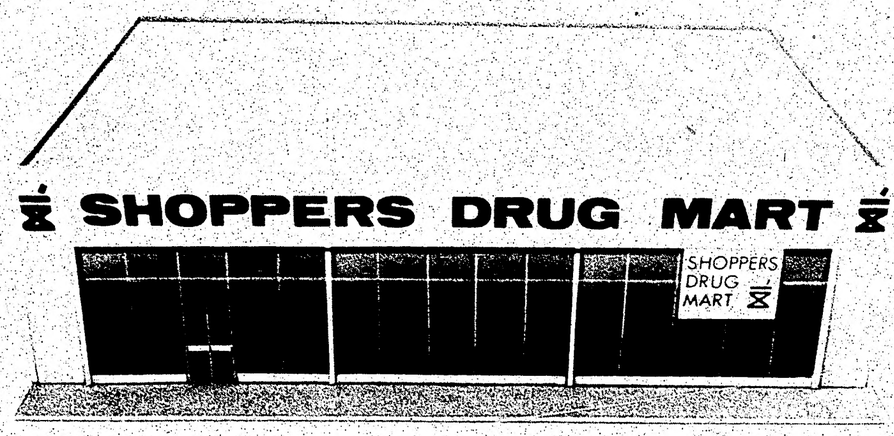


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*The time to act is now*

## *Extension of Hebrew programing made possible by ministry decision*

A development of considerable significance to the Jewish community is the enlargement of the teaching of Hebrew in North York schools. It was in October, 1971, that the Ontario ministry of education permitted school boards to offer locally developed courses in ancenstral languages in grades 11, 12 and 13.

The North York Board of Education seized the long-sought opportunity to initiate Hebrew teaching at five schools in 1972-73. Unfortunately, three of the schools had to drop the course due to a decrease in enrolment stemming from a variety of levels of learning and insufficient preparation. They were York Mills, Newtonbrook and Bathurst Heights.

Two of the schools, Sir Stanford Fleming Secondary School and W.L. Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, carried on the Hebrew program to the grade 12 level as well as continuing the grade 11 program.

The good news is that the ministry of education has now extended the authorization for the Hebrew programs to grades 9 and 10, as well as the senior division. It is regrettable that the other three schools, which were forced to drop the course from their calendar, have not been able to make a fresh start, but this seems more than likely at a future date. Saul Cowan, North York board of education trustee, who has been a long time advocate of a Hebrew program in the schools, says the course to be initiated at the grade 10 level will be available to total beginners, which was not the case in 1971.

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education, played a major role in obtaining government sanction for the Hebrew program. He is hopeful that other schools where there is a heavy enrolment of Jewish students, will come into the program. He paid tribute to Premier William Davis for bringing about the extension of the courses in Hebrew.

There are schools in the metropolitan system which are ripe for the introduction of Hebrew and need only the active participation of parents and rabbis to bring it about. Forest Hill and Vaughan Road are two schools with a heavy enrolment of Jewish students and now that the extension of the program has been authorized by the ministry, this is a golden opportunity to interest more young people in the ancient and very much alive language.

An attempt to introduce Hebrew at Forest Hill Collegiate several years ago failed when budget cutbacks caused it to be shot down. The government has made it possible to extend the program. Now it is up to the parents to create the kind of climate that will be conducive to bringing about a widening of their children's horizons through knowledge of the ancestral language of their forefathers; a language made vibrant in the land of Israel. The time to act is now.

*Chose to reaffirm his Jewishness*

## *Sentiments expressed by Grossman at dinner must be taken to heart*

The Canadian Jewish community has every reason to be proud of the members of the Jewish faith who have achieved prominence in public life. They have given distinguished service in a wide variety of fields where their talents have found free expression.

One of these is Allan Grossman, the first Conservative Jewish cabinet minister in Canada, who has served Ontario in important portfolios under three Tory premiers, Frost, Robarts and now William Davis. Last week, the first B'nai B'rith distinguished citizen's award was conferred on Mr. Grossman at the 19th annual covenant breakfast.

Many honors have come Mr. Grossman's way over the years of his public life, but none carried quite the same emotional impact as the one which came to him from his own "mishpocha", his own people. Allan Grossman is a practising Jew, whose parents came to Canada from Poland to find a new and better life. He was born here, as he put it, "just three years removed from the Polish ghetto."

Mr. Grossman might have been forgiven had he steered clear of any thought-provoking sentiments in his reply to the words of praise heaped on him by numerous speakers, one of them being his own chief, Premier Davis. But he chose the occasion to reaffirm his Jewishness, his faith in Ontario and Canada where, he said, discrimination is at an end, at least in a legal sense, and in voicing these sentiments, he warned against apathy. We agree wholeheartedly with his declaration that the fight against discrimination and for real freedom is a never-ending one. It is a struggle in which we must all share.

Mr. Grossman wondered if the younger generation of Jews, and even some of those in the middle-age category, have the degree of instinctive awareness of the Jewish experience over 2,000 years possessed by a past generation.

The guest of honor was not being a pessimist when he warned that we have not completely escaped the dangers of anti-Semitism. We must strengthen the ties that bind us to our faith; we must instill in our young people the knowledge of who we are, what we have been, and the roles we have been called upon to play in the unfolding drama of the human race. Mr. Grossman spoke as a concerned Jew, and what he told his audience should be taken to heart by all of us.

## *Gentile author wishes to accompany us if we ever believe 'sick slogans'*

The following editorial appeared in the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph — a non-sectarian newspaper. The author is Mr. William Aiken who is not a Jew. It was entitled: Reflections on the Revival of a Slogan.

"Jews Go Home" -- Well now, this is nothing new. Never in the past have you ever taken this gentle, suggestion to move on, but heaven forbid, suppose just once, you thought that the expression of a few sick people actually expressed the conviction of all the people of this wonderful land of ours and all of you started to pack your bags and leave for parts unknown.

Just before you leave, would you do me a favor? Would you leave your formula for the Salk vaccine with me before you decide to leave? You would not be so heartless as to let my children contract polio?

And would you please leave your knack of government and politics and persuasion and literature and good food and fun and love and all those things, and would you leave with me the secret of your drive to succeed?

And please have pity on us, please show us the secret of how to develop such geniuses as Einstein and Steinmetz and oh, so many others who have helped us all. After all, we owe you most of the A-bomb, most of our rocket research and perhaps the fact that we are alive today, instead of looking up from our chains and from our graves to see an aging, happy Hitler drive slowly up in one of our Cadillacs.

On your way out, Jews, will you do me just one favor? Will you please drive by my house and pick me up too? I'm just not sure I could live too well in a land where you weren't around to give as much as you have given us. If you ever have to leave, love goes with you, democracy goes with you, everything I and my buddies fought for in World War II goes with you, God goes with you. Just pull in front of my house, slow down and honk, because so help me God, I'm going with you, too!

# Scientists begin to meet the challenge of arid, underpopulated southern Israel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT --

With disengagement of forces completed, and peace at least a distant possibility, Israelis are beginning to think of regional development plans that could raise living standards all over the Middle East. One of them is Weizmann Institute Professor David Vofsi, who has come forward with a grandiose scheme, now being studied by the Israeli government, for the agricultural and industrial development of arid southern Israel and the adjacent Edom and Moav plateaus in Jordan.

Developing Israel's Negev and Arava has long been a prime goal of successive prime ministers, one of whom, the late David Ben-Gurion, proved his devotion to the idea by making his home in the Negev kibbutz of Sde Boker. As a result, the population of the Negev and Arava has grown from 14,200 when the state was established in 1948 to over 200,000 today, with population density rising from 1.1 per square kilometre to over 16. But most of the area south of Beersheba -- about 50% of the country within its pre-1967 borders -- still remains barren and empty, challenging the creative imagination of men like Prof. Vofsi.

His scheme is based on the establishment of an agro-industrial complex in the Negev and Arava, linked with nuclear power generation and desalination facilities at Eilat on the Red Sea. Its primary components would be a sophisticated chemical industry, using raw materials from Israel and overseas, as well as futuristic, greenhouse agriculture producing bountiful crops for export.

Russian-born, Israeli-educated Prof. Vofsi, himself a chemist who has contributed substantially to the local chemical industry, advocates combining inorganic chemicals from the Dead Sea with petroleum products obtained as a by-product of a future Eilat oil refinery for low-cost production of plastics, solvents, pesticides and synthetic rubber.

Scientists like Professor David Vofsi of the Weizmann Institute are developing schemes for agricultural and industrial development of areas such as the Negev Desert shown above. The population of the arid southern Israel, about 50% of the country's pre-1967 borders, has risen to over 200,000 but the area still remains a barren challenge. This development has long been an ambition of the state.

Again presuming there is a peace settlement and an end to boycotts and blockades, Eilat, which already serves as a terminal for oil imports, would become an even more important terminal and the natural site for a refinery. Moreover, the seashore near the town, which is flanked by granite mountains, would also be a good spot for a large atomic-powered plant to produce electricity and desalinate seawater.

Desalinated water is a must for Israel in general, as the country is already exploiting over 95% of its available sweet water (as compared to less than 10% in Europe and the U.S.). But nowhere could increased water supplies mean so much as in the Negev and Arava, where, as the few existing settlements have clearly shown, the soil is potentially very productive.

Prof. Vofsi foresees crops being grown inside large plastic greenhouses, with yields stimulated by enriching the atmosphere with carbon dioxide which might be obtained as a by-product of phosphoric acid manufactured from plentiful Negev phosphates: Hydrofluoric acid, of interest to industry, would be another useful by-product.

All the various developments, according to Vofsi's plan, would mesh in together. Electricity from Eilat's power station together with imported liquified natural gas would be used to manufacture magnesium alloys and chlorine (from Dead Sea raw materials), or to produce aluminum (from Australian and East African ores) as well as copper (from the ores extracted at nearby Timna, site of King Solomon's mines). The development of an agro-industrial complex would stimulate the Eilat fishing industry (since intensive agriculture requires cheap protein) which, in turn, would require various petrochemical products. Plastics would also be used, Prof. Vofsi points out, to package Israeli and Jordanian agricultural produce for export around the world.

A fanciful idea, perhaps. But it does hint at some of the results that could be achieved if the bountiful brains and raw materials of the Middle East were "demilitarized".

*'One wonders whether statisticians eat'*

# Small rise in price index poorly indicates inflation facing credit-burdened nation

By CHAIM BERMANT

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

The sun is out and the temperatures have risen sharply, which is just as well, for so has everything else. Statisticians say that the abolition of food subsidies pushed up the price index by only 1%, which makes one wonder whether statisticians eat or have children, or live at all, for I went shopping with my wife last week and found that her grocery bill had increased by over 40%.

The small purchases, like the weekly kiddush fare, which I make myself, have shot up even more. A bottle of "777" (known otherwise as Pontoon brandy) which cost about $3 when we first came here has now risen to $4.25, but even so, if one lives on brandy, pickled olives, egg-plants and oranges, the cost of living here is much lower than in England. Most people, however, don't.

They go in for such outlandish things as bread, milk, potatoes and rice which have all suddenly become expensive, and one wonders how they manage. Well, some don't, and most that do, live on credit.

One borrows from the grocery, who borrows from the wholesalers, who borrows from the farmers, who borrows from the government, which borrows from the general public. At some stage someone in the circuit robs a bank or comes into money in some other way, and then usually borrows more on the strength of it, and so it goes on. Nowhere in this country is the belief in Providence so manifest as in the nonchalance with which people incur debts.

Some time, someone, somehow will provide, but in the meantime they borrow at 20%, 25%, 30% and when the day of reckoning does come, they borrow more to pay for what they have borrowed before. If anyone should actually dig his heels in and demand a settlement in hard cash, there would be a chain of bankruptcies stretching back to me and forward to the Bank of Israel.

Happily, there comes a stage of indebtedness where you owe so much that your creditors cannot afford to let you fall. Most of Israel has reached that stage and half the country is in hock to the other half. Elsewhere in the world, when a relative passes on one can hope to come into an inheritance, in Israel one merely acquires his debts.

Not everyone here has been equally affected by the price rises. Civil servants, whom I sometimes feel, comprise about 95% of the population, received an immediate salary increase to match the rise; members of the Histadrut get tax-free cost-of-living increments linked to the price index; the poor get social security increments; the rich -- if there be any such here -- live off their fat. Who then has been hit?

The self-employed, for a start, but even worse than them, the self-unemployed -- people like me, in fact.

Anglo-Jewish rabbis upon retirement have in the past few years tended to move to Jerusalem. There is a considerable colony of them (living and dead) in and about Rehavia, and until recently they have existed in modest comfort, but the events of recent months have reduced them to penury, for they have been attacked on two fronts at once.

Prices have risen at one and and sterling has declined (by about 12% against the Israeli pound) on the other, and those on fixed remittances have had their incomes halved.

One rabbi who used to buy himself a large cheese-cake every Friday -- cheese-cakes here are excellent, by the way; it's worth coming on aliyah just for them -- had to content himself last week with two miserly-looking buns. If prices rose again, he said, he'd be going to the wall, and it was at the wall, or rather the Wall, that I found him the next day, praying fervently. But whether it was for a fall in prices or a rise in sterling, or for some higher purpose, I could not tell.

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A happy Israeli soldier breaks camp on the West Bank of the Suez Canal. The army recently completed disengagement to a defence line 17 miles from the canal. (IPPA)

# ask the rabbi

## *No interest should be made by money-lending*

*1. Is it correct that according to Jewish tradition, no interest is to be charged on a loan made to co-religionists?*

It is not only according to Jewish tradition that no interest is to be charged on a loan made to co-religionists. The prohibition of usury is recorded in a number of biblical passages, e.g., "And if thy brother be waxen poor, and his means fail with thee; then thou shalt uphold him: as a stranger and a settler shall he live with thee. Take thou no interest of him or increase; but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon interest, nor give him thy victuals for increase" (Leviticus 25:35-37).

In the context, as can be seen from the reference to the brother as poor and from the comparison of lending money to lending food, the meaning is that the brother in need should be assisted without thought of gain and not crippled further by demanding interest on the loan.

You refer in your question to "co-religionists". It is true that the Bible permits lending on interest to a "foreigner" but that is because the term denotes one who visits the holy land and whose religion does not forbid him to take interest from Israelites. It would have been unfair in the circumstances to forbid Israelites to take interest from him.

The rabbis had a definite tendency to limit severely the taking of interest even from a non-Jew but, as it is well known, Jewish attitudes differed considerably in the Middle Ages, depending on the social and economic environment.

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# War hurt our party rather than helped it claims leader of Civil Rights Movement

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM –

Shulamith Aloni is a sabra, and the prickly, tough attributes of the famous cactus pear with which native-born Israelis compare themselves, is evident in her strong features and determined expression. Her speech is characterized by decisive clipped comments and forthright manner.

This 45-year-old woman, a native of Tel Aviv, brought off one of the major surprises of the recent Israeli elections when she won three seats in the Knesset for her new party, the Civil Rights Movement. Her success has been widely attributed to the mood of the voters and their intent to discredit and punish Golda Meir's Labor Alignment.

Mrs. Aloni disagrees. She says the electorate was reacting basically to their weariness of abuses in government and administration. And she singled out the way individual rights get lost in a maze of red tape and bureaucratic bungling.

"If the war had not occurred, we would have received even more votes," she claims.

Ms. Aloni is a unique blend of sophistication, casual elegance and down-to-earth practicality. She is a person of crusading zeal and strong opinions which she doesn't hesitate to voice.

No newcomer to Israeli politics, she hosted a radio program whose topic was civil rights and consumer issues, before becoming a member of the Knesset in 1965. She continues to publish a weekly column in the mass circulation daily **Yedioth Aharonoth**. As a forthright, persistent and often dogmatic member of the Sixth Knesset she clashed often with a person of similar temperament, Golda Meir. As a result, when party lists of parliamentary candidates were drawn up in 1969, she was not placed high enough to assure her a seat in the Knesset.

When it became clear that she was to be left out in the cold again before the recent elections, she struck out on her own and organised her own party list literally on the eve of polling.

The role that the new party will play in this Knesset has not yet emerged with any clarity. Ms. Aloni would say only that she is open to any suggestion, barring that of supporting a coalition government which would include Menachem Begin's right-wing Likud. The likelihood is, however, that some agreements regarding support in the Knesset, especially on foreign policy and security, will have been formulated between Prime Minister Meir's minority government and the small parties.

It is clear that the religious parties are Ms. Aloni's chief bugbear. Outspoken in the past on the question of autopsies, she intends to wage a vigorous campaign against the definitions of personal status fixed by religious law, including the "Who is a Jew?" issue and the question of civil marriage and divorce.

One of the chief goals for the new party will be a written constitution and a citizen's Bill of Rights -- somewhat on the lines of human rights legislation in Canada. Many scores of persons who have sought her help in connection with problems involving civil rights or consumer interests have already found her to be a sort of unofficial ombudsman.

Another goal will be electoral reform. Ms. Aloni will seek changes in the present system whereby the composition of

Mrs. Shulamith Aloni

lists of parliamentary candidates is the prerogative of the party leadership. She will also attempt to introduce the constituency system with individual members of Knesset being responsible to and representing the interests of their constituencies. At present, Israel, for electoral purposes, is considered as one large constituency.

These seem rarified issues in the post-war aftermath. Outside the stylish and club-like atmosphere of the Knesset precincts is a people striving to come to grips with the altered course their lives have taken since the Yom Kippur War. Is it the case as many have claimed, that the war marked a great watershed in Israeli life and that things will never be the same again?

Ms. Aloni says: "We have been living in a false paradise since the Six-Day War. Many of our sacred cows have been destroyed. No, there will not be any revolutions but changes there will be. The people need time to recover from the war and then, I think, a delayed reaction will set in. There will be less pursuit of material things, for example. But I think that everything depends on whether we are going to have a change of leadership. The establishment as it now exists is completely cut off from the mass of the people. We are very badly in need of a new and idealistic leadership".

There is some evidence that Ms. Aloni's emergence on to the national scene and her association with civil rights has made her into something of a cult figure for foreign correspondents, particularly from American women's journals. She shies away from this role and is wary about associating herself unequivocally with the women's movement. She smiled rather grimly, "One day I woke up and discovered that women are human beings", she said. "We shall not concentrate especially on women as an exploited group but we shall deal directly with women's problems -- in the labor force or as divorcees -- as part of our concern with civil rights".

She is also extremely guarded in her responses to questions about her private life. "I am married with three children, two in the army. I am a teacher and a lawyer", she droned, drumming her fingers on the table. "When am I going to get rid of you?" she barked suddenly.

"Just give me a message for Canadian Jewry", I responded. She turned serious again. "We need aliyah", she said. "It's essential for us now as never before. But we need to direct our attention to youth and young adults who will come and build their futures here. And for that, all our efforts must go to Jewish education in the Diaspora. Jewish children must understand what Jewish peoplehood means".

An Israeli unit of reservists stationed on the West Bank of the Suez Canal until disengagement with Egypt display a key, which they presented to the United Nations forces as a symbol of their handing back territory captured in Africa. (IPPA)

# Small Jewish islands 'special'

By J.B. SALSBERG

I have a confession to make: I have a special soft spot for our embattled, small Jewish islands that are scattered in the midst of larger centres across the country.

I think not now of the large, self-sufficient Jewish islands that are in the centre of our largest cities -- like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, and so on. Nor am I thinking of such medium-sized Jewish communities like those of Halifax, Quebec City, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, Windsor and their equals across the Prairies and Pacific coast. Rather am I moved and prompted to express my admiration for those scores of struggling Jewish enclaves in smaller cities in many provinces -- but that are most numerous in Ontario.

It is those small Jewish outposts of ours that really move me. I find it extremely hard to ever refuse an invitation to address them, even though some such brief trips are arduous. I am touched by the manner and scope of their Jewish commitment. I am deeply impressed by the struggle our kin put up, away out there somewhere, for the maintenance of a Jewish awareness, for a minimum Jewish life-style, for the education of their young and for playing their role in all matters that concern Canadian Jewry as a whole, Israel and oppressed or harassed Jews elsewhere.

Oh, yes, and in addition they -- as individuals and as a group -- are deeply involved in all communal and regional undertakings that affect all the people among whom they live. How do they do it all? They must draw energy and dedication from our rich historic roots.

As a rule, those small Jewish communities are miniatures of the larger Jewish picture. Mostly the local activities revolve around the synagogue or Jewish centre. The names are interchangeable because they serve all needs -- religious, cultural, social. But almost everwhere one finds, in addition to a religious apparatus, also a Zionist set-up, an active United Jewish Appeal or a United Israel Appeal machinery, a B'nai B'rith organization, a functioning Hadassah and, in some places, even a small pro-Histadrut committee.

Almost everyone is an officer of one or another organization roster. I recall more than one occasion when a meeting of, say, B'nai B'rith, would be attended by almost every Jew in the community and chairmen of UIA, Israel Emergency Campaign, Hadassah, and officers of the host organization, of course, would make their reports and appeals for more effort and more dedication . . . How can one not be touched by such manifestations?

Oh, and their problems with getting and retaining spiritual leaders and teachers! They cannot afford specialists for such calling, so often the teacher, though not an ordained rabbi, becomes the "spiritual leader" and the official spokesman for the local Jewish community. Some young rabbis may prove to be less than born teachers, but they make do with what they have.

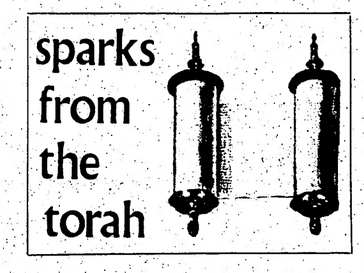
The denominational lines are rarely rigidly fixed in many such small communities. It depends on the rabbi or teacher they get. They often move from one to another designation without causing any schisms . . . I know of one such centre where the synagogue has a goodly stock of plants that are removed from the synagogue when the rabbi is of the Conservative school and moved back, to create a division between the male and female worshippers, if the new rabbi is of the Orthodox school . . . There are also small Reform groups cropping up in a number of small communities.

It is known that the rate of intermarriage is higher in the smaller centres than in the larger ones. But I witnessed many a heartwarming sight of ladies, who were not born as Jews, performing leading roles in every conceivable area of their organized Jewish communities. Watching some such women at meetings and communal functions, I am often reminded of the book of Ruth, yes of Ruth the Moabite, to whom the ancestry of King David is traced . . .

In all smaller Jewish communities where universities are located, I found the same problem. Only a tiny fraction of the Jewish professors on the staffs of the local institutions of higher learning are integrated into the local Jewish community structure. But that is a problem that should not be placed at the doors of our smaller Jewish enclaves. The problem is not better in the larger and the largest Jewish communities. That is a serious overall problem of Canadian Jewry. I have strong views on this matter, but I will leave them for another occasion.

In the meantime -- my profound respects to our brave, small Jewish islands across the land!

# 'Keep the faith,' rabbi urges




By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayakhel -- Parshat Parah

**R'u koro Hashem b'shaym, Bezalel ben Uri ben Hur** . . . "See the L-rd has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri the son of Hur . . .

You can't fool G-d . . . so when He chooses someone to do a job, that person must really have something on the ball.

The Almighty wanted the Jews to build a **mishkan** (sanctuary) so holy that He could rest His spirit there. He needed someone in charge who was more than just a craftsman. That person had to have **Ruach Elokim**, a Divine wisdom so great that he could understand the holy **kavanot** that went into such a project.

For example . . . A Jew would come along and donate gold for the sanctuary. Now, how should the gold be used? It could be used for making the golden clasps for the curtains, or for the golden Menorah, which was holier, or for the **Aron Hakodesh**, Holy Ark which was even holier . . . How was the decision to be made?

But that was the job of the man in charge. He had to be able to assess the **kavanot**, the thoughts, of the Jew who was donating the gold . . . Was he doing it to show off? Was he trying to bribe G-d with gold to make up for other misdeeds? Or was he doing it **l'shaym shomayim**, for the sake of Heaven? Depending on how holy the thought of the giver were, so was the gold used . . .

The man chosen for the job was Bezalel. He had the fantastic **chochmoh, binah vo'daat** "wisdom, knowledge and understanding" that was necessary. How did he get so incredibly smart? The Torah gives an interesting answer: "See, the L-rd has called by name, Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur . . ." Why does the Torah give the name of Bezalel's grandfather? Who cares? But the Torah meant to teach us something important. Hur, the grandfather, was murdered . . . Why? Because when the Jews wanted to build the Golden Calf, he resisted. All the leaders of the day said to Hur, "Come on, it's perfectly alright!" And they gave him good, logical reasons. Hur answered: "Reasons, shmeasons . . . if the Torah says don't do something, then it's no . . . We don't look for reasons . . ." So they killed him. Now, the Torah comes and tells us -- do you know why Bezalel was **zocheh**, worthy to have such great wisdom? Because he comes from a family that was willing to be **moser nefesh**, give itself over to G-d with complete faith -- without asking too many questions. Complete faith in G-d and His word is key to all wisdom. (Mayonoh Shel Torah)

We live in a world today where everything is questioned. But we have to realize, that when it comes to the nature of G-d, and the deepest meaning of the commandments, there is a limit to how much we can and do understand. Can a three-year-old child be expected to understand Einstein's theories . . . How can we human beings, who are here today and gone tomorrow, expect to understand what the Creator of the Universe has in mind?

When it comes to the Torah, it is equally profound. They tell of a Chasid who came to a **tzadik** to ask about his cow that had wandered away and was lost -- a severe financial loss. The tzadik opened a **chumash**, studied the words for a minute, and then told him where he could find his animal. Lo and behold, the cow was exactly where the tzadik had said . . .

The Chasid ran back to the saint and asked, how did he know exactly where the right place was? The tzadik answered: "When G-d created the universe, our Rabbis tell us, he gave it a tremendous light by which one could see from one end of the earth to the other. But then He realized that the wicked would use it for evil, so he hid it for the righteous in the World to Come. Now I ask you -- where did G-d hide that light? The answer is -- He hid it in the Torah

Keep the faith. Shabbat Shalom.

## *Letters to the Editor*

# *'People of good faith always have something to say to each other,' writes reader*

Dear Editor:

When I visited Israel recently, I had the enormous good fortune to meet with a young Orthodox rabbi at Kiryat Arba, who in my view exemplified the true spirit of Jewish religion. His approach was fully traditional yet characterized by patience, understanding and tolerance. I got the impression that he realized that religion is not that uncomplicated, that it can be truthfully represented by fanaticism or uncomprising positions.

Very often, because of a variety of life experiences and violent conflicts, religious attitudes are born which may not directly parallel those garnered in the quiet and peaceful atmosphere of the yeshiva. In many cases the roads converge even though arrived at from different directions. It is given to no man, rabbi or layman, the right to disavow or discredit such legitimate conclusions. Anyone who furthers a reverence for God and the dignity of man acts in the true spirit of Judaism and if one can see doing this through such experiences as dialogue, it in no sense wrongs or injures Judaism.

The privacy of one's faith or belief need not be endangered by exposing it to those of others . . . and people of good faith always have something to say to each other. The refusal to listen to others is a curse of self-righteous dogmatism. To cut ourselves off from others in the realm of intellectual discussion or human relations is to deny the collectivity of the human experience and the brotherhood of man which Rabbi Shimon ben Azzai said, was a greater rule than to love thy neighbor.

Nor must we be misled into believing that all wisdom reposes in the rabbinate. The self-seeking actions of some and the narrowmindedness of others tends to discredit them as acceptable spokesmen at a time when the Jewish nation is in conflict and struggling for physical survival.

In this national struggle for "pikuach nefesh" the Jewish people, finding itself more and more in isolation, could use from its religious leaders, a little more patience and understanding and less urging towards further insulation from society.

**Max Goody,**
**Willowdale**

## 'Criticism unjustified'

Dear Editor:

J.L. Binstock's criticism of Alderman Ben Nobleman's well-researched and courageous article about bigotry at the CBC (Feb. 8) is not justified. Mr. Binstock ignores the long list of neo-Nazis and bigots given prominence by CBC producers, such as Rockwell, Mosley, Von Thadden and others. He ignores former CBC president George Davidson admitting in a telegram to the late Louis Herman, national chairman of the JCRC., that the hiring of British fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley as a panelist on Front Page Challenge was an "error in judgment."

Mr. Nobleman is to be highly commended for documenting the CBC's inexcusable record of free publicity to bigots and Nazi leaders.

As for Larry Zolf interviewing Von Thadden in Germany, Mr. Zolf was merely a CBC employee. The producers and officials who authorized the Von Thadden interview, despite large-scale protests by Jewish groups, were Gentiles and WASPs. The officials who bought Richler's play and produced it were Gentiles and WASPs.

The fact that Rabbi Jordan Pearlson is chairman of the CBC's national religious advisory committee is a nice gesture by the CBC for Brotherhood Week. But did they consult with him on whether to air Mordecai Richler's play? I doubt it.

In the March 4 issue of Time Magazine, Richler has a two-page article on the CBC, ridiculing the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith, which would probably disgust even a CBC apologist like J.L. Binstock. He refers to a confidential memo sent out by the national chairman of the JCRC, as well as one by Rabbi Pearlson comparing Richler's play to "the Russian Jewish doctors' plot." How did Richler get hold of this confidential memo and what right does he have to make it public.

Richler has become rich by smearing his fellow Jews. I'm sure if he wrote about Ukrainians or Italians, he would be starving. Richler brings dishonor to his race. Why doesn't he convert to a Gentile as he has no feeling for Judaism or the struggles of Israel.

To his credit, another Montreal-born writer and poet, Leonard Cohen, went to Israel to entertain the troops during the Yom Kippur War to make amends for his "lack of contact with Judaism" in recent years.

Why have Jewish leaders remained silent about Richler and his play **The Bells of Hell**. Surely now is the time for our leaders of the Jewish establishment to come forward and assert themselves forcefully.

**Harold N. Segal,**
**Downsview**

Dear Editor:

I did not think there were still such naive persons around as J.L. Binstock, whose peculiar letter appeared in your March 1 edition. Mr. Binstock's reply to Ald. Ben Nobleman's incisive article (Feb. 8, CJN) about Mordecai Richler's outrageous TV play and the CBC's sorry record of exposure of anti-Semitic personalities, has no validity.

Mr. Binstock tries most weakly to defend the CBC by pointing out that Mordecai Richler and Larry Zolf are Jewish. So what? Does this negate the fact that Richler attacked the UJA with no basis for it and gives a far-fetched example of a doctor who threatens a patient with a wrong diagnosis if he won't double his UJA pledge.

There was no legitimate reason for the CBC to air Richler's play. I agree with Mr. Nobleman's theory that this was a publicity stunt by CBC officials to increase the faltering ratings of a weak series. This is a common ploy in show business, similar to having nudity in a poor stage play or movie to attract public ttention.

I feel it is high time prominent Jewish communal leaders supported Mr. Nobleman's demand for an investigation of bias in CBC hiring practises.

**M.R. Newton,**
**Toronto**

## 'CBC defence weak'

Dear Editor

The letter by J.L. Binstock in your March 1 issue is downright silly. His defence of the CBC is very weak.

He does not deny the itemized examples by Ben Nobleman of the CBC interviewing leading Nazis and anti-Semites on top CBC programs in prime time.

He does not deny that there are no Jews in top management at the CBC. He merely gives **The Star** as an example of Jews being in the upper editorial positions. What has this to do with the CBC? The **Star** is to be commended for having the editor-in-chief as a Jew. So he may not be a leading Zionist. Is this so important? He was given the chance to advance to the top job -- which the CBC has failed to do to persons of the Jewish faith.

**The Canadian Jewish News** deserves high praise for having the guts to print Ben Nobleman's controversial article. The other so-called Jewish "press" ignores this vital issue. Your paper is becoming a most lively and interesting periodical.

I would like to see Mr. Nobleman examine in detail other pressing issues in the community, which are overlooked. We need more investigative reporting in the Jewish community.

**T. Bell,**
**Toronto**

## Neutrality praised

Dear Editor:

Bravo for your outstanding editorial of March 1st, as well as for your declaration of, and commitment to, neutrality. Though you violated this policy with an earlier editorial taking sides in the 'Who is a Jew' affair, you certainly proved to be a community paper by offering equal time and space to all.

I applaud also your critique of letters which are but hysterical villifications of individuals rather than discussions of issues. Judging by the letters you published, attacking Rabbi Schochet, the epistles discarded must have been outrageous even to a battle-scarred editor.

Thirdly I congratulate you for the excellent and objective articles by Patricia Rucker which, along with the various articles from all sides, has transformed your paper into an educational medium. Too often unpleasant things are swept under the carpet leaving the community at large confused or with distorted views. Your paper is unique among the North American Jewish press with its courageous stand of impartiality.

At this point, though, I beg your indulgence to ask some serious questions of Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet. Frankly, his views seemed to me the most logically consistent, yet I detect also a certain ambivalence. Rabbi Bielfeld attacked specifically the Mizrachi for its hypocritical and self-serving manipulations for power. Rabbi Schochet simply ignored this charge! Also, the Conservative movement is just as opposed to a change as is the Reform movement, yet Rabbi Schochet aimed all his guns against the Reform movement only.

**I. Jacobs,**
**Downsview**

*The Canadian Jewish News welcomes letters from its readers but we ask once again that they be kept short. Space limitations make it difficult for us to deal with letters that are unnecessarily long.*

# Organizations and People

## what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

**PARCELS FOR ISRAEL**

One way of being sure packages going out to Israeli soldiers really contain items of most use to them is by sending parcels through the Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel. A $10 donation provides a parcel containing flashlight, batteries, shampoo, shaving cream, lip salve, cigarettes, candy, socks, underwear and more. The gift parcels will be prepacked in Canada and sent out in the donor's name. They will be forwarded to the Soldiers Welfare Fund in Israel for distribution to active units. For information call Miss Wright at 368-2777 or Toronto chairman Irving Matlow at 363-1784.

**BROTHERHOODS CONVENTION**

Beth Am's Men's Club is hosting the annual spring convention of the Great Lakes Region of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (Conservative brotherhoods) this weekend for about 500 delegates and wives attending from Metro Toronto, New York state, Ohio and Michigan.

**GREETINGS TO SOVIET PRISONERS**

The Suburban Study Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, held a second write-in of greeting cards to Prisoners of Conscience in the Soviet Union. At Chanukah time, the group (including children and friends) sent out 650 personally signed cards to 43 Jewish Soviet prisoners. They met for a repeat session Monday evening to follow-up with Passover messages to the same prisoners.

**BETH TZEDEC LECTURE**

The third session of Beth Tzedec Congregation's adult education series, Anachnu Vatem, taking place Sunday, March 24, features Dr. Arnold Ages, Waterloo University professor and Beth Tzedec adult education consultant who will be speaking on **Jews and Arabs, Co-existence or Conflict -- If Not Now, When?** The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the synagogue's youth chapel.

**MULTICULTURALISM GRANTS**

The Federal Multicultural Program has awarded 25 grants to organizations across the country. On the list so far are La Fondation B'nai B'rith de Montreal which received $7,000 to carry out the second phase of their transcultural communication project; the Edmonton Jewish Community Council, Archives and Historical Committee got $3,500 to continue research on early Jewish pioneer experiences in Alberta; Vancouver's Jewish Community Centre received $2,400 for their Nirkoda dance group; and the Jewish Historical Society of Nova Scotia was awarded $6,000 to establish a permanent record of the history of the Maritimes Jewish community.

**LZA HAPPENINGS**

A five-man delegation headed by Ontario Region chairman Harry Weinstock and executive-director Henry Cohen-Sittayoun, attended the mid-term National Council Assembly of the Labor Zionist Alliance in New York last weekend.

The LZA lecture series presents Israeli Trade Commissioner Ephraim Raviv this Tuesday, the 19th, at 8:30 p.m. His topic -- **The Economy of Israel: Problems and Solutions.**

**SPRING FROLIC**

Saturday, March 23, is the date of the Young Women's Branch of the Sons of Jacob's spring frolic. It is a dance and auction at Seneca College common room, starting at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds go to Israeli and local charities.

**SINGLES DANCE**

This Saturday, the 17th, the Shalahevet (Candlelight) Club is having a dance at Beth Sholom Synagogue at 8 p.m. for "mature" singles.

Judy Feld

**FOR JEWS IN ARAB LANDS**

On Friday, March 22, Temple Har Zion, Bayview Avenue, is having a Shabbat service and prayer for Jews in Arab lands. Following the service which begins at 8:30 p.m., Judy Feld, Beth Tzedec foreign Jewry committee chairman, will be discussing **Syrian Jews -- Hostages of the Middle East.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Mount Sinai Masonic Lodge celebrated its 60th birthday last month. Originally founded by the late Magistrate Arthur Tinker, it is known as the largest Masonic lodge in Ontario. In its 60 year history, over 1,250 member have been initiated or affiliated with the lodge including two former Toronto mayors, Nathan Phillips and Philip Givens; a provincial cabinet minister, Allan Grossman; and a member of parliament, Barney Danson.

**HAVURAH GROUP**

The first program of Adath Israel Synagogue's newly formed Havurah group for young adults age 19 and up takes place at the synagogue Sunday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. and features Marc and Geoffrey Clarfield in an evening of music and song.

# 'Jews must cling to Torah with passion of madness'

Choir boys perform at the annual dinner of Eitz Chaim Schools. Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner of Clanton Park Synagogue called on the 500 present for an emotional upsurge of Torah. (Photo by Mani Melnick)

By JO MIRA CLODMAN

TORONTO –

In a mad world, Jews must cling to Torah with the passion of madness, a Toronto rabbi said last week.

Speaking to a gathering of about 500 at the annual dinner of Eitz Chaim Schools, Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner of Clanton Park Synagogue explained that Jews defied rationality by emerging from concentration camps to build cities in Israel and centres of spiritual sustenance in America. Today's profusion of conflicting value systems must be met through an emotional upsurge of Torah, he continued.

Amidst the madness of a world which renders "lip service to justice," the meaning of a Yeshiva is to remain lucid, he declared. Eitz Chaim is interested not only in what is taught, or how it is taught, but in who teaches. The prime purpose of this is to produce "not just an informed Jew, but a servant of God".

He praised the dedication and skillful leadership of dinner honouree Joseph Goldwasser, 50, executive director of Eitz Chaim since 1945. Rabbi Kerzner described him as a "modest, reticent individual," whom he hoped would continue working for the advancement of Torah and Yiddishkeit.

The presence of other Orthodox schools in the community is beneficial, he believes, providing a challenge to move ahead even more dynamically. Satisfaction results in complacency, but passion is contagious, he added.

# Yavneh helps university students overcome difficulty keeping lifestyles

## voice of youth

By YAACOV HONIG

The college campus is the place where young men and women make their first serious attempt at evaluating and eventually selecting their ideals, values and beliefs. More than others perhaps, the observant Jewish student finds himself beset with specific intellectual challenges and decisions.

For the first time in his life, he may have to explain various laws and customs of Judaism to a Gentile classmate. He may have to explain to a professor why he cannot take an examination on the Shabbat or even why he must begin his tests early on a Friday. He must also worry about obtaining kosher meals, finding a suitable place to pray, and the means by which he can continue his Jewish education concurrently with his secular studies.

In short, for the first time the student must choose to be a Jew -- and this is often a difficult choice. Even graduates of Hebrew day schools fall by the wayside because of their failure to continue their study of Torah, and because they failed to band together to meet the challenge of university. Others, however, have met this challenge, and it was on these principals that Yavneh was founded.

Yavneh in Toronto consists of two chapters, the first being at the University of Toronto and the second at York University. It is part of a national organization which has chapters throughout the continent.

On a national level, Yavneh has taken on many projects. Its publications, too numerous to list, are well-known for their quality and Torah knowledge. Inter-city conventions are also scheduled from time to time.

On a local level, Yavneh in Toronto has held many activities where both chapters have participated in unison. However, some programs are held separately on each individual campus, such as the Chanukah event held at York last December.

## ...about people

Kirill Khenkin

**Kirill Khenkin**, a former journalist and translator for **Radio Moscow** is visiting Toronto this week. A Jewish activist who emigrated to Israel last year, he is currently touring Canada and the U.S. speaking for those activists still "living in a state of social weightlessness" in the Soviet Union. While in Toronto he will address a public meeting sponsored by the Soviet Jewry Committee of Congress Tuesday, March 19, at 8:15 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

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An interesting event involving several Torontonians took place in Jerusalem last month. The occasion was the presentation of the Shazar Awards given for outstanding achievements of Jewish educators and institutions of learning in the Diaspora. Toronto's Associated Hebrew Schools was awarded a certificate of merit and on hand at the ceremonies at **President Ephraim Katzir's** home were the school's president **Samuel Shainhouse**, immediate past president **Joseph Levine**, senior executive officer **Nathan** and **Lily Silver**, **Mr.** and **Mrs. Louis Lockshin** and their son **Martin Lockshin**, and former Torontonian **Mildred Devor**, now living in Israel.

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**Steven Ain**, 26, Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region associate director of community relations, moves up to Congress assistant national director, as of July 1. Which means that the Ains, Steven and Roseanne and family, take up residence in Montreal right after the plenary session in June.

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**Rabbi David Kirshenbaum** of London, Ontario, was the first Jew to be elected to the Victoria Hospital Trust in his home town. That was four years ago and he has been a member ever since. At the hospital's annual dinner recently, he was honored for his years of service with the presentation of a gift and was made a lifetime member of the organization.

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**Canadian Jewish News** music critic **Rick Kardonne's** musical revenue, **Orang Utang** (he wrote the words, music and script) is being readied for an April 16 opening at the Theatre in the Dell. **Ron Singer** of York University's faculty of fine arts directs the spoof which is a satire on the pop music industry.

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Shaarei Tefillah Congregation welcomes their new **Cantor Ben-Zion Miller** who moved to town earlier this month with his wife Bluma and children Malky, Eli and Raizy, after a three-year stint in Montreal. The cantor, who hails originally from New York, studied with his father, the well-known **Cantor Aaron Miller** now serving a congregation in New Jersey.

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Among the North American Jewish communal leaders on a fact-finding mission to Latin American centres is **Howard Cooper**, vice president of Montreal's YM-YWHA. The mission, organized by the National Jewish Welfare Board, will be meeting with Jewish leaders in Argentine, Brazil, Uruguay, Panama and Mexico.

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The Cape Town, South Africa, gal who gave birth to sextuplets a few weeks ago, is a convert to Judaism. **Susan Rosenkowitz** and her husband Colin are members of the Cape Town Reform congregation. Incidentally, the children are evenly divided -- three boys and three girls.

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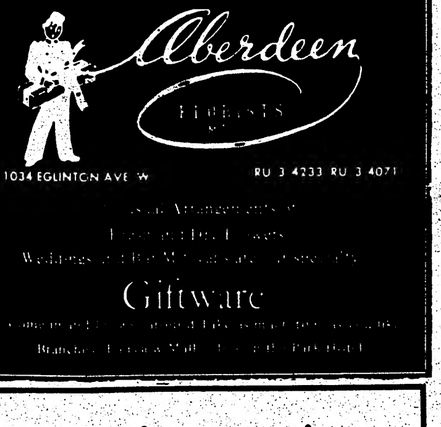


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*Although expected to wind up event, Koffler urges renewed effort*

# UJA head of 'different' campaign honors record participants

By LOUISE FEIN

TORONTO –

"The time in Israel is not easy. The time ahead may be more difficult still. But one thing you should know: you (Israel) are not alone."

With these words from the sound track of the moving film, **The Yom Kippur War**, the mood was set for a UJA Appreciation Night at Adath Israel Synagogue which, in the words of campaign chairman Murray Koffler, was "different from all other campaign appreciation nights."

Why the difference?

"It's different," Koffler said, "because we are honoring more than 3,000 people -- a record number -- who actively participated in the greatest fund-raising campaign in Toronto's history. A campaign with no top goal -- except to raise the maximum amount possible.

"It's different because those involved in the campaign came from all segments of the community -- working together for the common cause of saving Israel," said Koffler. "Truly, it was a United Jewish approach of the type never before witnessed in Toronto."

He continued:

"We threw out the standard rules of campaigning and created new ones as we went along. We tried out unorthodox ideas -- from a campaign point of view -- because the times were unorthodox. We didn't know what to expect and we reacted as the occasion demanded. We developed a campaign technique that I believe will become standard during the next few years -- a short, intense, massive campaign."

Although the evening had been intended, as its predecessors were in other years, to be a wind-up and thank you, Koffler urged the workers to undertake a renewed campaign.

He asked them to cover all outstanding prospects, to launch the new employees division canvas, and to review the membership lists of each and every organization to be sure that no one had been left out. Membership lists of synagogues, social clubs, golf clubs, and fund-raising organizations were all to be re-checked.

He promised that every contributor on file who had not yet made a 1974 gift would receive a personal letter from the campaign chairman, pointing out the need to contribute.

Thirty thousand gifts were received from this city's Jewish population of 113,000 -- 25 to 30,000 families.

The number of people -- 3,000 -- who worked in canvassing and through synagogues and organizations, made it mandatory that certificates of service be mailed rather than presented during the evening.

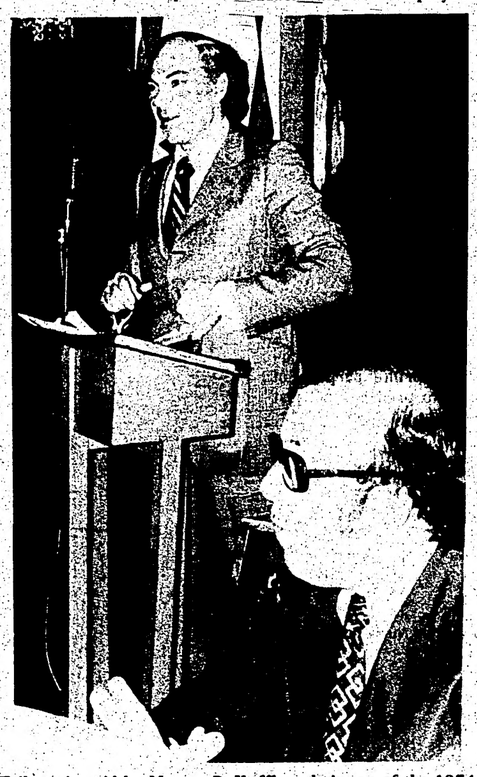
The Izy Stern trophy, which is presented annually to the synagogue which does the most effective job for the campaign, was not presented this year. It was felt that all synagogues deserved trophies and therefore the trophy was left for another year at Beth Jacob, in trust for all the congregations of the city.

Only one presentation was made during the evening. As Murray Koffler wondered "What brought Tommy all the way from Montreal?" the UIA national president, Thomas Hecht, rose to tell the audience the obvious and much-appreciated fact, that Murray Koffler was "the right man in the right place at the right time."

Remarking that it was thanks to his efforts that "Toronto became one of the outstanding cities in the Diaspora," Hecht presented Koffler with a history of Jerusalem in a series of maps from the days of its founding until the present. "It witnessed the destruction of two temples," Hecht said. "We shall see to it that the Third Temple shall always Live."

In a brief but moving address, Israel Consul General Shmuel Ovnat told the audience:

"Thanks to this wonderful Jewish community, Toronto ... These proud Canadians, giving help to brothers in need, is something I'll never forget. We don't know what the road ahead is, but we know that the need is greater.



Tribute is paid by Murray B. Koffler, chairman of the 1974 United Jewish Appeal Emergency Campaign, to its campaigners and contributors, at its Appreciation Night. Thomas Hecht, national president, United Israel Appeal, looks on.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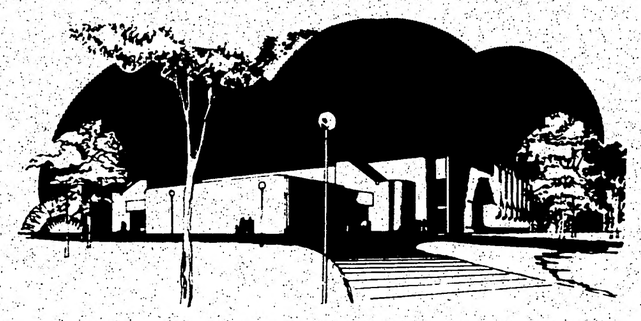

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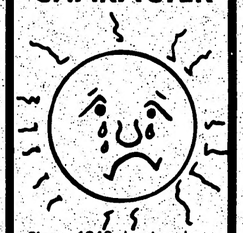

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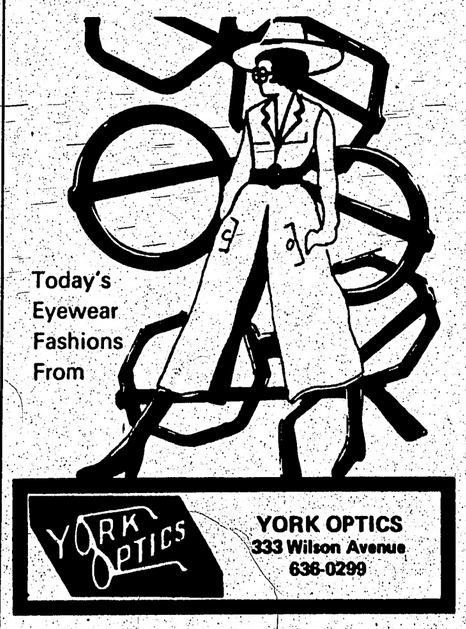


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# Victorian ethic happily fought by salon

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO --

Beauty may be only skin deep, as the old saying goes, but let's face it -- it's as good a place as any to start!

Just ask Lily Alexander. She's an esthetician, a specialist in the care of the skin. One visit to her salon, Esthetics of Mira Linder, and you are convinced that life can be beautiful after all.

"It's not just a matter of vanity," says the 30-year-old Russian-born, Polish - Israeli - American - and now Canadian mother of two young daughters. "When you think you look good, then you feel good."

And it's not a complicated process either. All it takes is one flight of stairs up, two hours of your time (for a complete treatment, that is), and, voila, -- the beginning of a new you! Well, if not a whole new you, then at least from the shoulders up.

The secret seems to lie in the healthy glowing look that comes about by matching the proper cleansers and creams and what have you to the client's individual needs.

The products are chosen with care, after a personal skin analysis points out the different variations of the skin. A home beauty routine is also set up, so the client can "actively participate in helping herself and not just come in for treatments," she says. Advice on make-up completes the picture.

Climate is a deciding factor too. For instance, if you are going to Florida, certain lotions are prescribed; if you're planning a ski trip, different products are needed; and if you're slugging it out in Toronto, then that's another bag again.

Mrs. Alexander's expertise comes from a three-generation learning process that began with her grandmother in Poland. Her mother, the Mira Linder for whom the salon is named, followed years of experience in Poland and Israel with the successful launching of a business in Detroit 4 1/2 years ago. So successful, in fact, that Mrs. Alexander was involved in the shop, too, until moving to Toronto three years ago with her husband, John, (a native Detroiter whom she met when he was on tour in Israel) and daughters Margaret, 9, and Katharine, 7.

Third-generation skin specialist Lily Alexander, through her salon Esthetics of Mira Linder, is educating Torontonians to resist the Victorian ethic against pampering oneself.

Brought up in the European school of beauty care, Mrs. Alexander explains that in Europe women will spend more time on their face than on their clothes. Even the working girl feels it is more important than buying that extra dress or pair of shoes.

Itching to get into the field on her own, she started working in her home with friends and neighbors. Then, as the clientele grew, she moved to the present location on Davenport Road last November.

Mrs. Alexander and her mother go to Europe three or four times a year searching out the best beauty aids that the private laboratories there have to offer.

There's still an educational job to be done. "Women here feel guilty if they are not productively active. Pampering oneself is against the Victorian ethic," she says.

A smiling, raven-haired size seven (or maybe even five), Mrs. Alexander could very well pass for a walking advertisement of "happiness is!" Exhilarated and excited about her work, she says that part of the fun is in meeting the sisters and the mothers and the whole family. Yes, sometimes even the sons who come, sheepishly at first, for help for one kind of skin irregularity or the other, and then often end up among her most satisfied customers.

The clients who find their way to her cosy, boutique-like salon range anywhere from 11 years of age to 80 -- school girls, career women, and housewives.

Sure there are no miracles -- the wrinkles don't go away (if that's your problem), they just look softer and the face looks fresher. But for the woman who "likes being a woman and looking like a woman," the natural Mira Linder look can become a way of life.

So, maybe beauty isn't only in the eye of the beholder, as another old saying goes. If you follow Lily Alexander's recipe, beauty is really how you feel about yourself.

# Unusual situation of Erev Pesach brings flood of inquiries into laws

TORONTO -

For the first time in 20 years, Erev Pesach is Shabbos, with the first Seder starting Saturday night. This unusual situation has resulted in numerous inquiries being made of the Orthodox division and Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The laws governing Erev Pesach are published below for the guidance of the Jewish community.

B'Dikas Chometz should be performed Thursday evening, April 4, after Maariv services. Siyum B'Chorim Thursday morning April 4.

The burning of chometz should be conducted Friday, April 5, no later than 10:38 a.m. Do not say Kol Chamirah on Friday after the burning of chometz.

The Seudoth Shabbos should be with chometz Chaloth because Matzo must not be eaten before the Seder.

Friday evening and Shabbos morning Seudoth, use Chaloth for Lechem Mishna. These meals should be eaten in an area of the home reserved for this purpose, taking care that no crumbs of bread or other chometz is dropped on the floor or left in this area.

If only one stove is available, cook all meals for Shabbos in Passover cooking pots and utensils. Food should then be dished up from the Passover cooking pots with Passover ladles, to Passover containers or bowls, and serve all meals from these containers on chometzdike serving plates. If preferred, disposable paper, foil or plastic plates and dishes may be used. Remove the food from the Passover containers to the chometzdike dishes using the Passover ladles.

For eating from the chometzdike dishes, or disposable service, according to preference, use chometzdike cutlery, being careful when dishing up or pouring foods from the Passover utensils that there is no contact between the Passover utensils and the chometzdike serving plates.

Immediately after the meal is finished (Friday evening), the dishes should be washed and all chometz removed to a special place in readiness for the Sabboth morning Seudoth. After the morning Seudoth, all remaining chometz must be removed from the house, and the dishes washed and stored with all other chometzdike dishes. If bread or other leavened foods are left on hand, these can be given to non-Jews, no later than 10:38 a.m., or flushed down in the washroom.

After the chometz meal Shabbos morning which should not be later than 9:28 a.m., recite the Kol Chamirah.

Where the chometzdike stove is not used for Passover cooking (where there are two stoves available), Shabbos meals can be prepared in chometzdike pots and served in the reserved area above-mentioned. All dishes must then be washed and stored with the chometz.

Lunch, or the noon meal on Shabbos, should be a Passover meal, but without Matzo (Matzo as explained, is not eaten until the Seder). Persons wishing to eat Seudah Slishes after Mincha should davn Mincha either prior to the lunch, or fruit or fresh vegetables can constitute the lunch, and Mincha davnd at an earlier time.

Preparations for the Seder, or setting the table for the Seder must not be made on Shabbos, April 6; all such preparations, should be made either on Friday, April 5 or Saturday night, April 6 after Maariv.

# ISRAEL HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN IN ACTION

## HISTADRUT ECONOMIC CONFERENCE ON ISRAEL

Twelve-hundred delegates from the United States and Canada attended a special Israel Histadrut Foundation Conference at the Hotel Fontainebleau in Miami Beach, Florida, February 18-20, 1974. Prominent among the Israeli economists who participated in the Conference were General Meir Amit, President of Koor Industries of Israel; the Hon. Ze'ev Sher, Economic Minister of Israel in the United States and Canada and Eliezer Lerner, President of Bank Leumi of New York.

The role of the Israel Histadrut Foundation is to mobilize financial support for Israel through its unique methods of bequests and annuity contracts -- and, since the inception of the Foundation 14 years ago in the United States, Americans have invested over 32 million dollars in Israel's future -- while assuring themselves of a lifetime income.

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## CANADIAN HISTADRUT FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED

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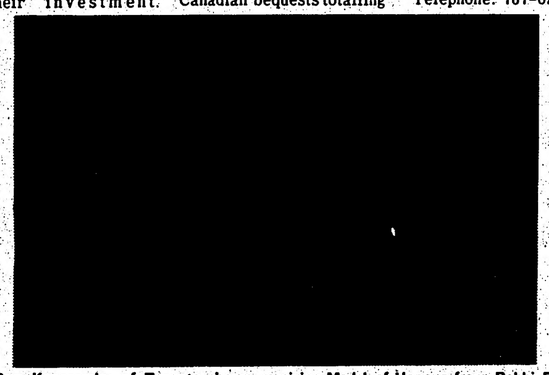
Among the first Torontonians to participate in the program are Minna and Irving Ingber, who subscribed two units; Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Kimel, two units; Esther and Joe Betel, one unit; Sam Rotman, one unit; Alex E. Grossman, one unit; Jacob and Rose Adler, one unit. Others who subscribed part units are Mrs. Lucy Kreitman, Mr. A. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Max Pallant, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Katz. It was also announced that Canadian bequests totalling three-quarters of a million dollars have been assigned for various projects of the Histadrut.

This is just a beginning. We hope that Toronto Jewry will avail itself of this unique program of the Israel Histadrut Foundation to insure the future welfare of Israel's people.

For further information contact Mr. George Steinhouse or Mr. Jacob Egit at the Histadrut Office, 3101 Bathurst St., Ste. 303 -- Telephone: 787-0264.



Mr. Sam Kaporovsky of Toronto shown receiving Medal of Honour from Rabbi Dr. Leon Kronish (left), Chairman, National Board of Directors Israel Histadrut Foundation and General Meir Amit, President of the Koor Industries of Israel.

Mr. Kaporovsky was one of three people so honoured at the festive banquet of the Israel Histadrut Foundation at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, February 20th. He is the sponsor of a number of Histadrut projects -- a Children's Clinic in Kfar Saba, Israel, and the Centre of Technology in Tel Aviv, and has assigned a significant amount in bequests to the Histadrut Foundation.

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8:30 PROF. A. AVICHAI: Dept. of History, Univ. of Rochester — "Jewish Studies in Israel"

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5 P.M. DR. JOSEPH I. COHEN: Consultant, American Association for Jewish Education — "Jewish Education as a Career"
7:30 RABBI S. STAUBER: Rabbi of Bnai Torah Congregation — "Crisis & Opportunity for the Rabbi in North America"
8:30 RABBI M. BERGLAS: Rabbi of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation — "Motivation for the Rabbinate: A Personal Account"

Wednesday, March 20— 'SOCIAL WORK'
4 P.M. PROF. SOL GREEN: School of Social Work, Yeshiva Univ. — "What's Jewish About Social Work?"
5 MR. JEROME DIAMOND: Director, Jewish Family & Child Services — "The Field: Employment, Salaries, Mobility"
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Solomon Brownstein, executive-director of Montreal's Jewish Family Services, has accepted a post with the JFS of New York. The move to the largest such agency in North America is partially related to Montreal JFS' change in status. (Photo by Howard Kay)

# 'Primarily Jewish interest' cited as posting switched

From our Quebec Bureau

MONTREAL -

Solomon Brownstein, executive-director of the Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch Institute of Montreal during the agency's turbulent "go-public" debate, has accepted a posting with the Jewish Family Services of New York.

The Jewish Family Services of New York is the largest such agency in North America employing some 200 social workers at eight district offices. The organization pioneered the field of family therapy.

Brownstein's appointment "is not entirely related" to the change in JFS' status as a Jewish agency to a public establishment. Brownstein's resignation was announced in February and takes effect June 30.

"The facts of the matter," stated Brownstein, who sports a cigar in the Winston Churchill tradition, "are that professional social workers are frequently faced with the notion that the organization they work for makes decisions that are correct organizationally, but inconsistent with the thinking of the social worker.

"The social worker has to re-orient his thinking along new lines or decide to discontinue his organizational affiliation," he added.

Brownstein, the former agency director at Omaha and Paterson, New Jersey, is known to have favored JFS adopting some form of "private" solution rather than the now-confirmed public social service centre status.

He said he is the kind of social service administrator who must be able to "freely pursue programs that are primarily related to the Jewish community and relevant to the needs of its clients from every strata."

# Rape crisis centre opened as reported cases skyrocket

By ELAINE KAHN

TORONTO -

Reported rape cases in Metro Toronto rose by 76% over the past six years, but the social stigma that attaches to the victim of a rape keeps many more women from reporting the crime or even talking to someone about it.

Six months ago, Osgoode Hall law student Barbara Betcherman began organizing women to run a volunteer rape crisis centre similar to those in other North American cities. On Feb. 14, the centre opened its doors.

Or, rather, its telephone line. Harassment of volunteers at other centres and the expense of setting up an actual office has made the location of the centre a secret.

The important point is that rape victims and victims of past rapes can get immediate help 24 hours a day seven days a week from over 70 volunteers who have undergone extensive training in dealing with rape victims.

This help is value-free -- the women aren't given advice like "well, maybe next time you go out, you'd better wear a longer skirt" -- a reinforcement for society's attitude that "nice girls don't get raped," Ms. Betcherman told The Canadian Jewish News.

The advice is "purely supportive," she said. The centre will only suggest that the victim go to the police, but will not attempt to force her to.

"Until the law is changed, we reject utterly the idea that a rapist must be brought to trial, as long as it means the victim must also be brought to trial," Ms. Betcherman said.

The police are increasingly co-operative and understanding in their treatment of rape victims, she said, but they "don't have the time or personnel to hold hands."

She said police are grateful for the work done by the centre in dealing with the more embarrassing details and emotional aspects of the cases.

Prejudice against rape victims may extend to their jobs -- getting fired because of the rape or for not giving in to the boss who begins to think the girl is "easy" -- Ms. Betcherman said.

Or it can lead to landlord-tenant disputes, which the centre is equipped to handle. Once police start coming to an apartment, she said, the woman is in danger of eviction.

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# 'We will outlive tyrants of our day as in past'

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

"We are a nation that outlived great empires and will outlive the tyrants of our day no matter how large the empire," says Eliezar Whartman, Middle East bureau chief of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Speaking on the topic, **War and Aftermath**, he said, "the struggle today is the same struggle against totalitarianism that was waged against Hitler. But," he noted that despite these difficult times "we are stronger than we have ever been because our survival is not in doubt as it was in 1948."

Whartman, who helped found Israel's overseas broadcasting systems, was invited to speak as part of a new adult education program at Beth Tzedec entitled **Anachnu Vatem - We and You** -- which examined the link between Israel and world Jewry.

On the one hand Whartman praised Diaspora Jewry's support for Israel. But, on the other, he asked "Would that you would dig as deeply to send people on aliyah as you send money?"

Whartman said Israel has many internal as well as external problems. But, for those who do not emigrate to Israel for that reason, he explained: "Israel is the image of Jewish people that the world sees. Israel has much to teach the West and much to learn from it. I am convinced that some day Israel will produce a far more moral society than anywhere before. Israel presents a challenge, particularly to young people, to create a society from scratch."

On the external front, Whartman argued that Israel would be in a much better bargaining position had they continued the war for another three or four days and encircled the second as well as the third Egyptian army. "Israel made a great mistake in yielding to American pressure to end the war when she did," he said.

Commenting on criticism of the Israeli armed forces he said "an army is only the reflection of the society that produces it." But, despite the discovery of these problems, he felt the Yom Kippur War "brought about the hastened maturity of the people. In the last election voters split their vote and voted for the man not the party. As well, now there are demands of accountability from the leaders."

Whartman argued that the Israeli electoral system lends itself to many problems. "There are really only two parties in Israel, one representing a liberal viewpoint and one a conservative viewpoint. Religious parties should not exist because religion should not be placed in a political party structure," he said.


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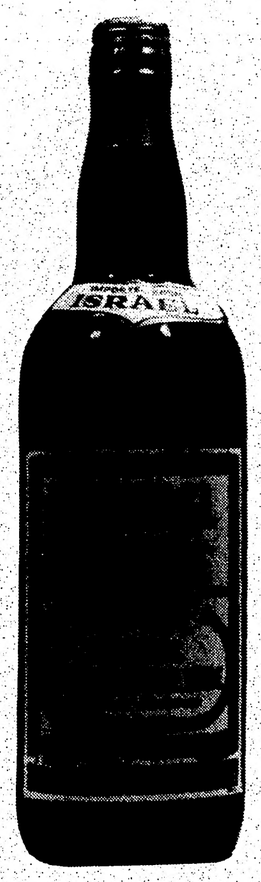

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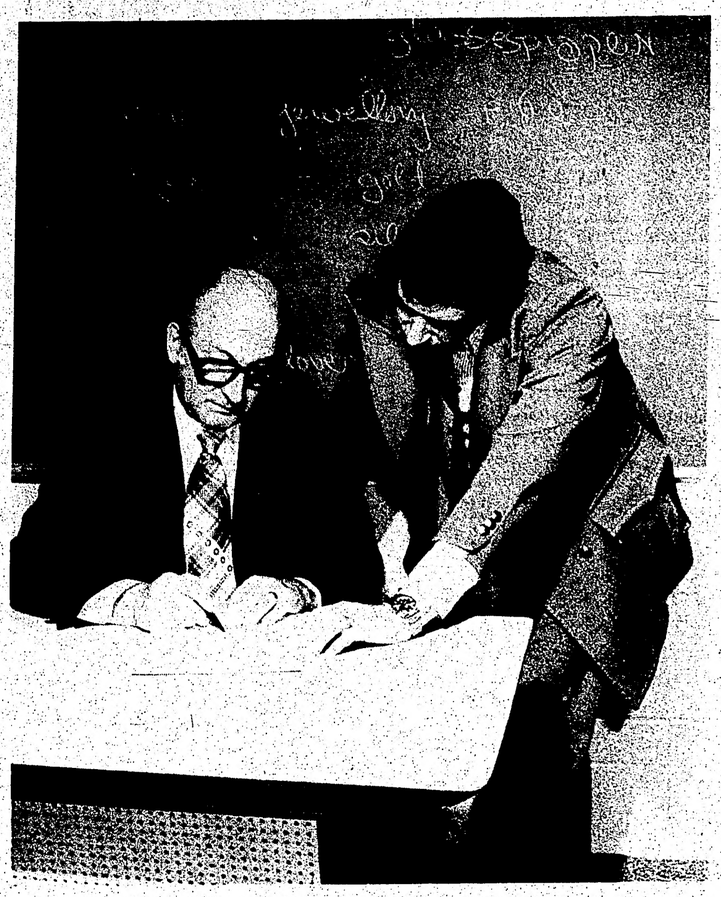

Samuel Taylor, chairman of Hamilton's United Jewish Welfare Fund drive, signs a pledge card as Yehuda Noy, United Israel Appeal, Ontario Region executive-director, looks on.

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Officially, Hamilton's 1974 United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign began with a community-wide meeting at Beth Jacob synagogue.

Unofficially, it started on a bus in Israel early in February.

Touring Israel on that bus were members of the U.I.A. Ontario Mission, of which about one-third were from Hamilton. Discussing their impressions after meeting with the mayor of Haifa, they one by one made their pledges right there while travelling through the country.

Reporting on this spontaneous fund-raising session on the tour bus, campaign chairman Samuel Taylor told the meeting that 25% of the total goal of $1.1 million had already been pledged.

"We are our brothers' keepers," he told the audience as he recounted the profound impression his first visit to Israel has made on him and said that "as Israel goes, so goes the Jewish people."

Among others in the Hamilton contingent were federation chairman Dr. J.J. Shekter and his wife Sonya; co-chairman of the UJWF women's division Anne Minden and her husband Dr. Joseph Minden, federation executive director Samuel Soifer and Mrs. Samuel Taylor.

Referring to what happened after the first few days of the Yom Kippur War as "an unbelievable victory from a military point of view," guest speaker Col. Zev Shaham reminded his audience of the heavy price Israel has had to pay.

"The time of the gift is over," he said. "From now on, people must be asked to pay a tax for being Jews."

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# Parents seek way to boost day school interest

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL -

Over 100 Montreal Jews aired their grievances at a community-wide meeting on Jewish Education in Montreal, organized by the Joint Committee on Jewish Education.

With the cry "Jewish education for every Jewish child," the three partners in the committee -- Canadian Jewish Congress, Allied Jewish Community Services and the Canadian Zionist Federation -- invited the public to debate the role of Jewish afternoon schools among themselves and with Dr. Alvin Schiff, a noted authority in the field.

"When we ask why so little is being done regarding Jewish education, we always get the same answer -- that people are apathetic, disinterested," said one man present, "but why aren't the professionals in our community organizations doing anything about it?"

A second member of the audience voiced his belief that Jewish education simply isn't important enough for the parents. Consequently, although they may belong to a golf club, they will feel the money required to pay for a Jewish day school for their child is an "inconvenience." He concluded that Jewish education must become a community responsibility, and predicted that once this is undertaken, there will be "a tremendous increase in enrolment in both the day and afternoon institutions."

Yet another concerned individual arrived with copies of two papers he had written on the subject. One essay defended and reaffirmed the value and potential effectiveness of afternoon schools, while the other advocated replacing the present, in his opinion inadequate, Joint Committee with an independent, community-supported "Vaad Hachinuch," representing all parties involved: the parents, the schools, the students and the community at large.

Executive-director of the Board of Jewish Education in New York City and consultant to the Joint Committee in Montreal, Dr. Schiff presented a number of fresh ideas to revitalize the current predicament of stalemate and stagnation.

After hearing out the comments from the floor, he declared with feeling: "There should be 10,000 -- 20,000 people here tonight! If the Montreal Jewish community can't solve its problems together, no one can!"

"You've got to turn them on, and you can use all kinds of ways," said the dynamic speaker, known to many as "Mr. Jewish Education."

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Schiff also agreed with the view of some of the participants, that the program of the afternoon schools must be made more attractive, more than just a "teacher-text-classroom" syndrome.

One novel idea was that one week each month all Hebrew afternoon schools should cancel classes and instead, over a weekend, introduce the children to an "alternate environment" -- a wholly different experience such as a "shabbaton", which would liven up and make real the dry facts they learn in the classroom.

As well, it was suggested that by inserting music, art, story-telling and folklore into the curriculum, the Jewish child may cease to regard afternoon school as an imposition which deprives him of social and athletic activities, as "a punishment for being Jewish."

Present at the session were Dr. Melvin Schwartzben, chairman of the Joint Committee, and Moe Seidman, chairman of the subcommittee on Jewish afternoon schools, who promised that Dr. Schiff's proposals would be put on paper and circulated.

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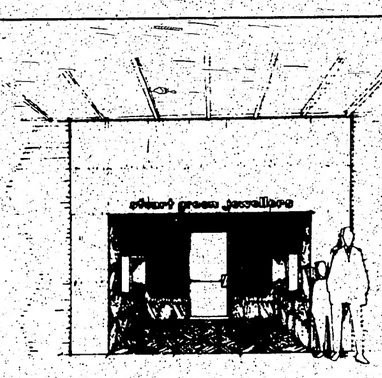

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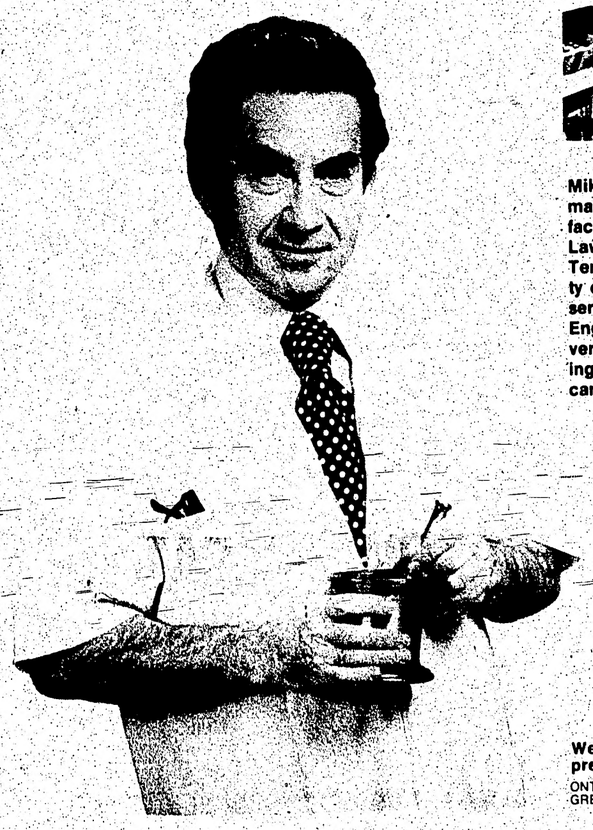

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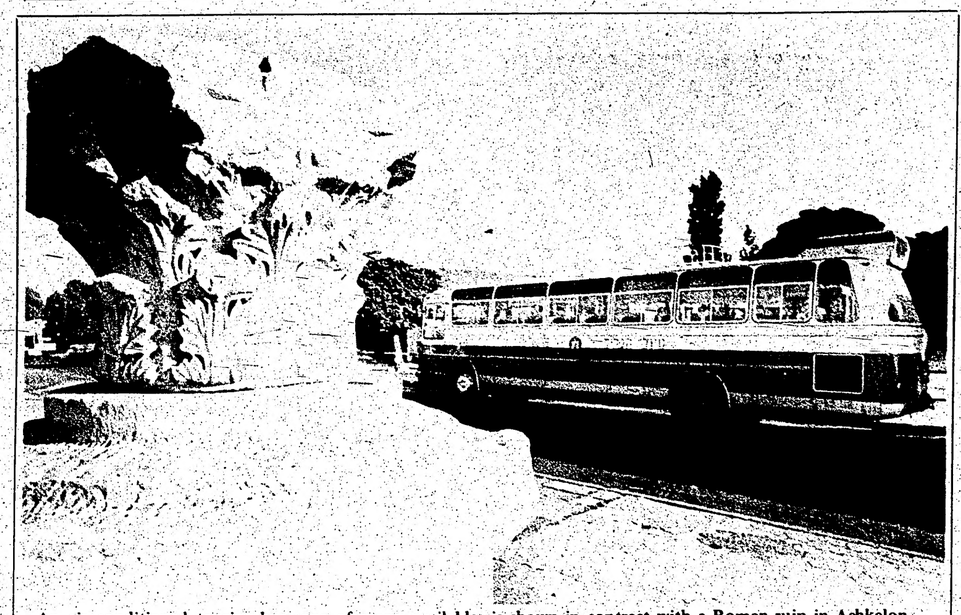

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# *Israel issues new call for aliyah as economic, military troubles mount*

By ZVI SOIFER

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum

Beset with more than her share of troubles, such as a high level of military mobilization, rapidly rising prices and curtailed production, Israel has issued a call for aliyah.

Aliyah Months are now being held in most countries of the free world, bringing home to their Jewish communities the fact that a meaningful life can be lived in Israel, encouraging Jews to think seriously about aliyah, about joining their brethren from over a hundred lands who have returned to live in the Jewish homeland.

Why the call for aliyah at this time? For the answer, we went to Rabbi Morcecai Kirshblum, acting head of the Aliyah and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency.

Aliyah has always been a matter of great concern, Rabbi Kirshblum remarked, noting that from the late David Ben-Gurion to Prime Minister Golda Meir Israeli leaders have repeatedly emphasized the importance of aliyah. The prime minister has made it clear that only the crucial question of Israel's security takes precedence over aliyah.

Since 1972 there has been a decline in aliyah from the free world. This has been the cause of deep concern. Aliyah must be encouraged to justify the existence of the Zionist movement, to provide Israel with a flow of newcomers to enable her to meet her security and economic needs.

Rabbi Kirshblum, who has headed the Aliyah Center at the Jewish Agency in New York for 12 1/2 years, noted that just as he had been heartened by the increase in aliyah after 1967, he now finds himself gravely concerned over the decline in aliyah since 1972.

There are objective reasons for the drop in aliyah. Newcomers are confronted by a shortage of housing and by the high price of housing on the private market. Also, some immigrants have difficulty finding work.

Rabbi Kirshblum feels there has always been a lack of determination on behalf of Jews in the free world to take the aliyah plunge. The Jews are waiting for the last train, which never arrives. We try to make the message of Zionism clear to them, that it includes action, but few move without outside pressure, he said.

Rabbi Kirshblum stressed that despite the war and its attendant problems, Israel is ready and able to welcome many newcomers. Every effort is being made to accommodate and service the new immigrant to the best of Israel and the Jewish Agency's ability, the rabbi said and gave several examples of what is being done:

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Rabbi Kirshblum himself is an immigrant from the United States. He bought his apartment in Jerusalem two weeks after the Six Day War and came on aliyah in November, 1968. Those who came on aliyah in the wake of the 1967 war, he noted, were not "converted" to aliyah overnight by the drama of the war. They had been preparing for aliyah in the years before it. The war provided the impetus to translate their aspirations into action. He believes that the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath will have the same impact.


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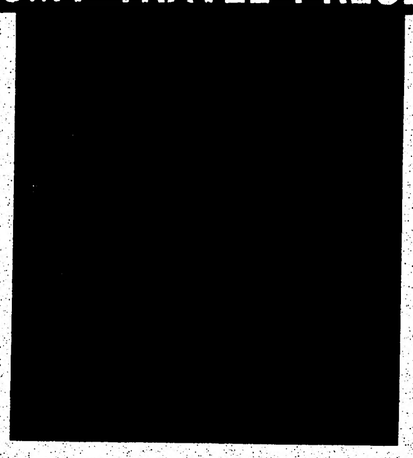
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Mutual understanding of different cultural backgrounds will strengthen national unity through tolerance for, and appreciation of, our fellow Canadians and their cultural heritages.

### Multicultural Centres Provide Meeting Places for Ethno-Cultural Groups

Grants have been provided to establish Multicultural Centres across Canada for people of all cultures to meet, exchange ideas, and carry out co-ordinated programmes in theatre, arts, crafts, referral services, discussion groups, music and dance instruction, displays and social gatherings.

### Canadian Identities Programme Stimulates Crafts, Arts and Literature

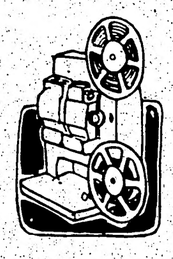
This major new programme is stimulating the production of arts, crafts, dance, drama and the publication of prose and poetry. A series of festivals of folkloric arts and theatre is an integral part of this programme. All Canadians will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the cultural activities and values which grow out of the various heritages of Canadians.

### National Ethnic Archives Programme Preserves Documents

The Archives were created under your federal government's direction to ensure the preservation of archival documents and to use them to show all Canadians the contributions made by our different cultures in developing Canada. The Archives have been very well supported by the ethnic press and ethno-cultural organizations in communicating the purpose of the collection to all Canadians. It includes notes taken at meetings, memoirs, photos, letters, reports, films, rare newspapers and books . . . whether two years or two centuries old.

### The National Film Board Produces Visual Programmes

The Film Board co-operates in our Multiculturalism programme by producing films which show the modern life-styles of Canadians from various heritages. It also translates existing films into ancestral languages and distributes them across Canada for use by organizations and groups. If you are interested in seeing these films, the regional offices listed below can put you in touch with the Film Board distribution officer who will help you. The Film Board also produces audio-visual instructional material on cultural diversity for use in education.



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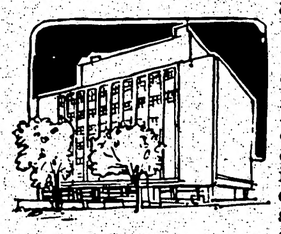

The Canadian Centre for Folk Culture Studies in the National Museum of Man undertakes research on the history of Canada's cultural groups, making films and tapes, and assembling a collection of objects which provide visible evidence of the contributions made to Canada by all our cultural groups. These materials are exhibited in Ottawa and across the country in travelling displays. If you have souvenirs from pioneer days such as household objects, festival costumes, ornaments, decorations, which could add to this collection, please contact one of the offices listed below.

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# Arts

American Tony St. Thomas totally deserved his star billing at Toronto's Adath Israel Synagogue's annual concert held on March 2, says critic Kardonne. (Gadi Hoz Photo)

## *Star billing well justified by 'classy performance'*

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Jewish, Black, and beautiful, Tony St. Thomas, born in the U.S. Virgin Islands but currently based in the Miami area, totally deserved his star billing at Toronto Adath Israel Synagogue's annual gala concert on March 2. He is a classy performer with a great deal of vibrancy, audience rapport, and stage presence.

His basic vocal approach is uniquely his own: a natural blend of both West Indies styles (reggae and calypso) with the direct sincerity which is a hallmark of the best male Israeli singers. The quality of his voice is first-rate and he can convey many different moods from the perky to the romantic. He was especially impressive with his rendition of the **Kotel Ma'arav** chant in which he sang a Sephardic-style liturgy. Most of his other selections were familiar Israeli folk standards; I only wish that his choices were somewhat more adventurous. In any case, as a performer who can exude the soul of contemporary Jewry, both young and old, Tony St. Thomas is pure dynamite.

All he needs are a couple of more numbers like the **Kotel Ma'arav** chant plus some strong original Jewish content selections.

Also given star billing on the program were one of Israel's most popular young duos, Tzachi and Yael, who are also fine performers and who sang several recent Israeli songs, including a powerfully poignant ballad of a child in a shelter near the Syrian border. They have an easy, yet refreshingly pointed sense of humor; Tzachi announced that they would sing a medley of songs they thought were the most popular hits in the United States; it turned out to be a medley of commercials. Their album, which I have heard on CHIN, contains some highly impressive original songs which blend sophistication with youthful flair; I hope that Tzachi and Yael's North American tour will give them the recognition and popularity which they deserve.

Compared to the youthful, positive spirit of the above acts, the borscht-belt-circuit humor of comedian Larry Albert seemed dated. His easy conviviality on stage did not recompense for the bulk of his material, consisting of tiresome jibes against women and marriage which I found to be off-putting. Just because some members of the audience who might share these sentiments did laugh at these jibes does not make such a comedian a critical success in my eyes.

The concert opened with a performance of serious music by the government-sponsored New Horizons String Orchestra under the direction of Roger Hobbes. I realize that such an orchestra is an extremely worthwhile endeavor whose existence must be guaranteed, and that senior citizens might not be able to duplicate the sound of the Toronto Symphony. Still, from a purely musical point of view, the rusty, untuned violins and creaking cellos, most evident during a performance of one of Srul Glick's better compositions, were completely inexcusable.

*Images of the Land of the Bible*

## Show's concept 'fine but art below par'

art

By PAULA DAVID

Galerie Heritage on Yorkville Avenue is presently showing an unusual collection entitled **Images of the Land of the Bible**. Dr. Kulchinsky, owner and curator of the gallery has brought together several artists' impressions and interpretations of Israel and aspects of the mystique surrounding it.

The concept is a fine one, but unfortunately individual representative works do not come up to par. A well appointed gallery and an interesting theme hold the collection together, but generally the overall standard is neither innovative nor particularly exciting.

Toronto artist Aba Bayefsky is represented in the show by a series of loose flowing watercolors of Jerusalem market scenes. This group is reminiscent of Bayefsky's St. Lawrence Market scenes, albeit with a mid-eastern flavor, and seem to be very quiet and personal impressions. They are relatively small, rendered in subtle colors and take full advantage of the potential of the medium. Bayefsky's one oil canvas in the collection is entitled Kol Nidre, and is executed in a hard edge calligraphic style that fits somewhere between Shahn and Curnoe. The large size and bold blues and whites makes Kol Nidre a more successful and dynamic piece.

Aba Bayefsky

Israeli artist Zoltan Perlmutter has some Israeli landscape paintings and drawings, rendered in his usual semi-abstracted rather affected pallette-knife style. Although visually pleasant, my only real complaint about Perlmutter's contribution is that it is in no way different from any other Perlmutter collection that I have viewed.

Zvi Raphaeli's paintings, while nicely done, are the common sentimental, commercial subjects which rely heavily upon emotional appeal rather than their artistic merit. Obviously, there is a place for this style, but I prefer it on greeting cards rather than in art galleries.

Architectural renderings of the Holy Land by Joseph Ijaky are done in a painterly and disciplined manner. Theo Tobiasse's single contribution, an oil entitled **Moishe** shows a fine color sense and a folkloric interpretation done is a spontaneous style. Also in the category of more successful artists is William Weintraub, with two very sensitive oil portraits.

A small grouping of olive wood sculptures by Aaron Bezalel of Bible characters are a pleasant extension of the show. Extending the free-form tactility of the olive wood, Bezalel has created elongated, modernized pieces that provide a unique aspect of an art representative of Israel.

In that it provides an opportunity to view such different artistic images of Israel, the Galerie Heritage show is a success. However, much of the work would imply that the Land of the Bible does not provide sufficient artistic inspiration to produce truly excellent work on an international level of excellence. The quality works that are both original and convey a feeling for a unique land are in the minority, but would indicate the potential of artistic expression that Israel can inspire. **Images of the Land of the Bible** has provided an opportunity to study a developing area of subject matter that is relevant to Jews and art lovers throughout the world.


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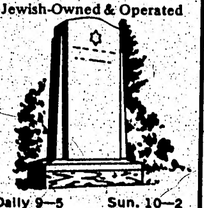

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# UIA MISSION SAYS, 'LET'S DO IT NOW'

Upon the return of the Mission participants to their respective communities, Joseph Lunenfeld is pleased to be able to report that the Executive Committees of Hamilton, Windsor, St. Catharines, Welland, Kingston and Oshawa have committed themselves to planning and launching UIA Campaigns in their communities by Yom Ha'Atzmaut (April 27).

This is a direct result of the spontaneous reaction of the Ontario leadership participating in the Mission whose outpouring of emotions and commitments sparked action in their communities upon their return.

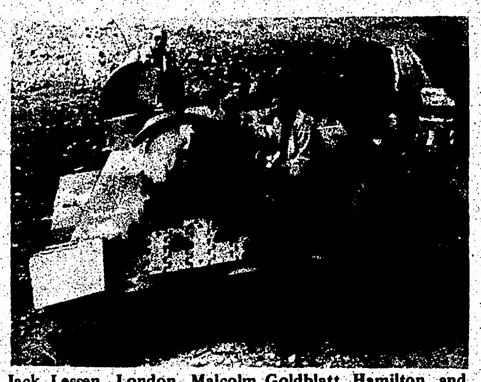
These communities have all set goals for 1974 in excess of the total achieved both during the regular 1973 campaigns and Yom Kippur Emergency outpouring.

Hamilton was the first community to launch their campaign immediately upon the return of the Mission. The Hamilton participants, while in Israel, committed themselves to 20% of the community's goal, and after the first week of launching, the campaign now has achieved 40%.

It is expected that consultation with the leadership of the remaining communities will result in their also saying "LET'S DO IT NOW".

Mission participants upon arrival in Israel include the Chairmen of 5 Ontario communities and principal leadership of 8 communities.

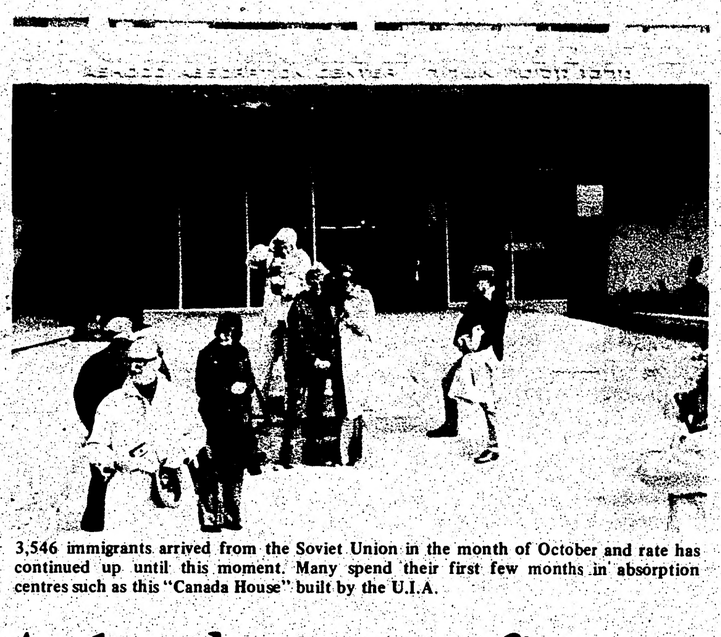
The group distributed presents and parcels to the soldiers wherever they went. Marilyn Cohen of London, Ontario gave such parcels to soldiers on the Golan Heights.



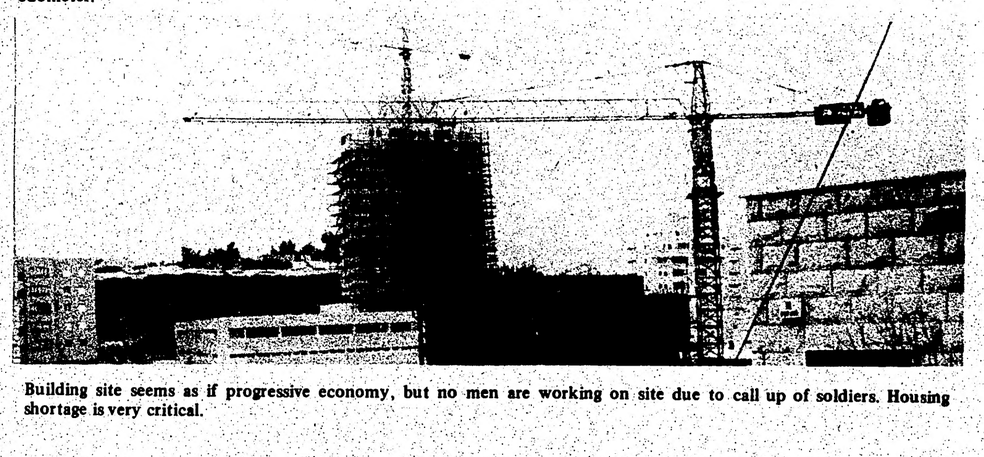
Jack Lessen, London, Malcolm Goldblatt, Hamilton, and Yehuda Noy, Toronto, examine brand new Soviet T62 tank on Golan Heights. The tank had 97 kilometres on its odometer.

Shulamit Aloni M.K. with Joseph Lunenfeld, leader of Mission, host the group at special luncheon in Knesset. (See story Page 5.)

Yehuda Noy examines Russian-made bomb in Sinai. Egyptian soldiers had trouble reading the Russian instructions.



3,546 immigrants arrived from the Soviet Union in the month of October and rate has continued up until this moment. Many spend their first few months in absorption centres such as this "Canada House" built by the U.I.A.



Building site seems as if progressive economy, but no men are working on site due to call up of soldiers. Housing shortage is very critical.

# Ontario UIA leaders confirm our commitment to Israel

"We welcome your Mission to Israel in these critical times. With your continuing help, Israel will meet all challenges and overcome them."

With these words, World Chairman of Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal, Ezra Z. Shapiro, welcomed the Ontario United Israel Appeal Study Mission to Israel, led by Joseph Lunenfeld, Chairman of Ontario Region.

The Mission was comprised of 36 participants, including five community campaign chairman as well as Cabinet members of the campaign in various Ontario communities.

Sam and Anna Taylor of Hamilton, Ontario, were overwhelmed with emotion on this, their first visit to Israel. Sam, who headed last year's successful drive in his community, and his wife, Anna, who was Co-Chairman of the Hamilton Women's Division, have undertaken to spearhead this year's campaign.

**Must do much more**

While Hamilton responded to the Yom Kippur War by raising four times as much as their regular UJA Campaign held previously in the year, for 1974 they have undertaken to raise 20% more than they raised in both the regular and emergency campaigns of 1973.

"We recognise and have witnessed the tremendous needs of Israel", said Sam Taylor, Chairman of the Hamilton 1974 Campaign. He continued: "While we had the most successful campaign in our community's history last year, I realise that we MUST do much more. I also recognise that the need is now and that we cannot wait until the Fall to hold our campaign. Funds must be secured now in order that we can provide a continuous cash flow to Israel without a gap of six to eight months."

The participants of the Mission met with Shulamit Aloni, M.K., for lunch in the Knesset. Following a briefing by Mrs. Aloni, the Mission took part in the memorial services at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

The Mission also heard Shimshon Yaacov Kreutner, Director General of Keren Hayesod, who outlined the problems facing the country in the coming year.

**Visit front lines**

The men were fortunate to be able to visit the front lines at the Suez Canal, one of the last groups to be able to see the bridges over which the Israeli Defence Forces crossed into Egypt.

Standing 500 metres from the Egyptian Second Army, the group had a most interesting discussion with Capt. Eitan, Commander of the last Israeli outpost facing the Egyptian Second Army.

"You are one of the last groups to visit this area before we turn these positions over to the UN forces and the Egyptians", said Eitan. Asked how he felt about the withdrawal of Israeli troups, Capt. Eitan, speaking on behalf of all the soldiers under his command, stated that he hopes that something will come out of the disengagement of forces. "I have been here for over four months now and I would like to get back home to my family and children. To me it makes no difference if I am positioned here or seven miles from here. I hope that finally we have seen the end of wars in this area. But, if we should have to fight again, I am ready to from whatever line we shall have."

On visits to the various hospitals, the Mission met with some of the wounded soldiers still hospitalized.

**Doctors praised**

Dr. Hyman Singer, Past Chairman and Treasurer of the Welland Campaign, was greatly impressed with the level of care which was given to the wounded despite the lack of staff and facilities and was told that this kind of treatment was available due to the devotion of the medical staffs who worked around the clock in the first few days of the war.

They spoke with the new immigrants at the absorption centres. "We were fighting for our right to come to Israel", the group was told by a recent immigrant. "We came to this absorption centre upon our arrival in Israel so that we could learn Hebrew and prepare for our new life in our homeland."

Said another: "We are all so appreciative of your concern and support while we were in the Soviet Union and you must continue to help the many who still want to come here." "This absorption centre in Ashdod is Canada House which you have helped to establish through the United Israel Appeal campaigns in Canada."

"My husband is still in prison where he is serving a three-year sentence", said Mrs. Joseph Meshener. "I receive a letter from him every second month and look to the day he will join me in Israel. I ask that you do all you can in Canada to support Israel, because we are one people and we need you."

The fourth day of the Mission saw the group leaving Jerusalem in the early morning hours. Milton and Marilyn Cohen of London, Ont., also on their first visit to Israel, expressed their emotion, at the sight of the sunrise over the Judean Desert, turning the outline of the Holy City to "Jerusalem of Gold".

**Largest tank battle**

On the Golan Heights, the Mission witnessed the remains of one of the largest tank battles in history. Overlooking the Heights from an Israeli position, Saul Podnick, Chairman of the Owen Sound UIA Campaign, exclaimed his amazement at the fierce battle site and expressed the thoughts of everyone of the heroism and courage and the miracle of having been able to stop, push back, and eventually push ahead into Syrian territory against such overwhelming odds. "Seeing is believing," he said as the Mission crossed the former border and entered occupied Syrian territory.

After leaving the Golan, the Mission visited the Sfat Hospital where they met Dr. Berger, an eye specialist who came to Israel four years ago. He told the participants about the first few days of the war. Dr. Julius Ennis, Welland, Ont., was enquiring about the first few days of the war.

"We are fortunate in having such a beautiful new hospital," he said, "but our medical emergency equipment is lacking. I even had to ask my family to send me private equipment to extract foreign bodies from the eyes. Eighty percent of the medical staff are new in this country, mostly from the West (English-speaking countries).

**Vacation at hospital**

Dr. Joe Minden and his wife Anne, who is a nurse, were so moved by the dedication of the medical staff, that they are making arrangements to spend their vacation in Israel helping on the staff of Sfat Hospital.

Lilian Ennis, Chairwoman of the Welland Women's Division, accepted the chairmanship of the Niagara Region Women's Division campaign.

Following a tour of the medical facilities, the group left for Tel Aviv, via Haifa, where they had dinner at the Dan Carmel with Minister of Labor and Mayor of Haifa, Yosef Almogi.

On the way to Haifa the guide, Yaacov, who had suffered from a cold all week, lost his voice. The participants decided, therefore, to take over his role, in a manner of speaking, and each was to come to the front of the bus and voice his or her reaction to what was witnessed during the few days in the country.

Lewis Sklar, Co-Chairman of the Oshawa Campaign, was the first to volunteer. "Seriously", he said, "after seeing the country and having been briefed by top governmental, Agency, and Army spokesmen, as well as having the opportunity to speak to the average citizen, we have all witnessed the many problems and tasks facing the Jewish people. I, for one, would like to take this opportunity to do something which I feel has to be done. In a few days we will all return to our respective communities and we know that after what we have seen here, we must hold UIA campaigns in our communities. We must tell our friends and the members of our communities what we have witnessed first-hand and learned and we will have to make our own contributions commensorate with the needs. I would like, therefore, to make my contribution while I am still here, and convey to the Israeli people with this commitment that we are with them and we will do everything in our power to convey this message in our communities."

**Spontaneous happening**

This was the beginning of the spontaneous happening whereby all the Mission participants felt that they too would like to convey their feelings to the courageous Israeli people.

Sam Taylor was the second member to take the microphone. "This is my first of many trips to Israel. Words cannot describe the emotion that I have felt over the last few days. Never have so many owed so much to so few."

He went on to say: "In addition to my personal pledge, I will return to Hamilton, and with the support of our UJA Cabinet and the members of the Hamilton community on our Mission — Dr. Jack Shekter, newly-elected President of our Community Council, and his wife; Dr. Joe Minden and Anne, a Co-Chairman of our Women's Division; Lou and Clare Latner; Mrs. Leah Levine; Mrs. Pauline Rubinstein; and Sam Soiffer, our Executive Director, Hamilton will raise more than the combined regular and emergency campaigns of 1973. We will not wait. We will begin our campaign immediately upon our return with the blessing and support of our entire community."

Malcolm Goldblatt of Hamilton responded to Taylor's challenge and spoke on behalf of his family including his own personal gift surpassing their total 1973 giving. Malcolm and Sandi left the group the following day to spend the rest of their stay in Israel working on Kibbutz Ein Shemer in order to physically as well as monetarily help the economy of Israel.

Rose (Mrs. Sam) Rabin, of London, Ont., Past-Chairman of Women's Division in her community, felt that the women participating in the Mission want to stand side-by-side with the men. "In Israel", she said, "women fight alongside the men. In Ontario we women will do our share of raising 'plus dollars' so that together we will achieve our goal. All Ontario Communities must have separate Women's Division campaigns. I know that women react with compassion to human life and those few communities who are not already organized should do so now!"

**Hold Spring drives**

Larry Blake, Chairman of the Welland Campaign, and Saul Podnick, Owen Sound's Chairman, both requested that all Ontario communities hold Spring campaigns as the funds are so badly needed now.

Businessman Isadore Black of Peterborough was dismayed at the collapse of Israel's economy and determined to do what he could do above his generous gift. He and wife Belle placed a substantial order of Israel fashions for their store.

Milton and Marilyn Cohen, Sam and Rose Rabin, Jack Lesser, Rabbi James Rone and Paul Caplan of London, Ont., responded with their personal commitments. "We knew that Israel was facing difficult times, even prior to our coming here. However, now we have witnessed ourselves that never have the needs been so tremendous as they are now, even moreso than in 1973 including the war. We must all make every endeavour to hold our campaigns now; we have committed ourselves now; and there is no reason that every Jew should not do likewise."

**Increase pledges**

By the time the bus reached Haifa, all the participants had the opportunity to voice their impressions and the result of the personal commitments were 17% higher than the total pledges for the regular and emergency campaigns combined of 1973.

Joseph Lunenfeld, leader of the Mission, voiced his satisfaction with the spontaneous announcements of commitments and the feelings expressed by the participants. "I know that we will all return to our communities and ask them to do what we have done," he said. "You feel better and feel a sense of accomplishment when you are successful in fulfilling your responsibilities," he added.

Among the highlights of the trip was the opportunity for each of the Mission members to be invited into the homes of Israeli citizens for a Friday night dinner. It afforded them a special opportunity to speak to the Israelis themselves in their own homes (and not only to the official spokesman) and to learn how these people feel and what problems they face.

**Mission reception**

On Saturday night a cocktail dinner reception was held to which the Israeli hosts of Friday night were invited. Many relatives and friends of the Mission participants also came and the evening left a feeling of solidarity among all who attended.

Nathan Silver, Immediate-Past Chairman of Ontario UIA, now residing in Jerusalem, attended the reception with his wife, Lil. "It is great to see so many of you here," he said. "It's so important that Jews from the entire world come to visit Israel. I hope that more and more Canadians come in great numbers in the coming months to show their solidarity with Israel".